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CONVENTION TO ORGANIZE,
AND
FIRST GRAND COMMUNICATION
OF THE



M.: W.: GRAND LODGE
OF A. F. AND A. M.
OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ALSO,
APPENDIX, WITH CONSTITUTION, ETC.

Recommended by the M.: W.: Grand Master that these Proceedings be read in ~~the~~
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OF
ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA,

HELD AT THE MASONIC HALL, CITY OF VICTORIA, OCTOBER 21st, 5871,

AND OF THE
FIRST GRAND COMMUNICATION,

HELD DECEMBER 26TH AND 27TH, A. L., 5871,

WITH AN
A P P E N D I X

CONTAINING THE
Constitution, General Regulations and List of Lodges

HOLDING OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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GRAND OFFICERS
OF THE
M. . W. . GRAND LODGE
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,

FROM

DECEMBER, A. L., 5871, TO DECEMBER, A. L., 5872.

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- M. . W. . ISRAEL WOOD POWELL, M.D., Victoria, Grand Master ;
R. . W. . HON. J. F. McCREIGHT, M.P.P., Victoria, Deputy Grand Master;
R. . W. . SIMEON DUCK, M.P.P., Victoria, Senior Grand Warden;
R. . W. . HENRY NATHAN, JR., M.P., Victoria, Senior Grand Warden;
V. . W. . MARSHALL W. WAITT, Victoria, Grand Treasurer;
V. . W. . HENRY FREDERICK HEISTERMAN, Victoria, Grand Secretary;
V. . W. . REV. F. GRIBBELL, Victoria, Grand Chaplain;
W. WILLIAM CLARKE, Nanaimo, Senior Grand Deacon;
W. I. RAGAZZONI, Victoria, Junior Grand Deacon;
W. R. LEWIS, Victoria, Grand Superintendent of Works;
W. ELI HARRISON, Victoria, Grand Director of Ceremonies;
W. WILLIAM DALBY, Victoria, Grand Marshall;
W. THOS. SHOTBOLT, Victoria, Grand Sword Bearer;
W. W. B. WILSON, Victoria, Grand Standard Bearer;
W. J. J. AUSTIN, Victoria, Grand Organist;
W. S. L. KELLY, Victoria, Grand Pursuivant;
W. J. WINGER, Victoria, Grand Steward;
W. JAS. CRUMP, Victoria, Grand Steward;
W. H. BROWN, Victoria, Grand Steward;
W. J. SPENCER THOMPSON, M.P., Barkerville, Grand Steward;
W. J. C. HUGHES, M.P.P., Burrard Inlet, Grand Steward;
BRO. P. J. HALL, Victoria, Grand Tyler.

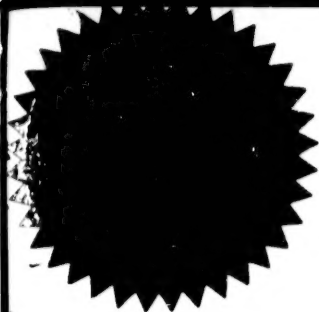
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PROCEEDINGS OF CONVENTION.

Masonic Convention of the Province of British Columbia, held at the Masonic Hall in the City of Victoria, V. I., on the 21st October, 1871, with the consent and by the authority of the R. W.'s, the District and Provincial Grand Masters representing the M. W. Grand Lodges of England and Scotland in the Province respectively.

Pursuant to the following circulars issued by the R. W.'s, District Grand Master Burnaby and Provincial Grand Master Powell, the annexed returns from the different subordinate Lodges of both jurisdictions were duly made in accordance therewith.

VICTORIA, B. C., 26th June, 1871.

TO THE R. W. MASTER, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE
LODGE.....No....R. S.

R. W. Sir and Brethren,

Since my arrival in the Colony (after an absence of some months), I have been placed in possession of the Proceedings of the late Masonic Convention held with a view to the establishment of the "Independent Grand Lodge of British Columbia." It is with great and unfeigned regret I now notice in connection therewith differences of opinion to have arisen respecting "legality" in the mode of making this proposed change in the Government of our Craft, and which so far has prevented that which, in my opinion, should be the first, last and most important object of a Convention of Masons—namely, the unity and unanimity of the Brethren of both Jurisdictions in British Columbia. It is the object of my highest aspiration to provide a remedy not only to

create perfect harmony and fraternal love among Brethren who are apparently on the eve of estrangement and hostility, but to ensure the complete success of the mutual wishes of a majority of both English and Scottish Freemasons in the Colony. When I received the high honor of being the Representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Scotland, in British Columbia, (previous to the appointment of a District Grand Master, E. R.), my first action was an effort to bring the Government of both Crafts under one head, as indeed they existed at that time in the Province of Nova Scotia. If it be the wish of the Brethren of my Jurisdiction, as would appear from the action of the several Lodges, that the time has arrived for the establishment of an Independent Grand Lodge, and the consequent resignation of my trust, I appeal with confidence to their sympathy, support and co-operation in making my first efforts for unity gloriously successful now. Let us all practice that great Masonic virtue of mutual forbearance, and be the issue then what it may, the great satisfaction of making permanent provision for the future preservation of perfect harmony and brotherly love among *all* Masons of this Colony will be your largest and best reward. My conferences with the Right Worshipful Brother the District Grand Master of British Columbia, have been numerous and beset with many difficulties. During all these discussions it gives me great delight to bear evidence of the more than kindly spirit which has actuated this distinguished Brother in all our conclusions, and without which, any efforts of mine would have been in vain and valueless.

I have thought it proper under these circumstances to make no comments upon the past in view of the greater importance of the future; but to follow and commend to your most favorable consideration the example of the R. W. Brother, to whom I have just alluded, and who has not only assured me of his *cordial assent and future co-operation* with the views of a majority of the Brethren of both Jurisdictions, but as a proof of the conciliatory spirit by which he is prompted, has issued the following Circular to his own subordinate Lodges:—

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" VICTORIA, B. C. 26th June, 1871.

W. Sir and Brother.

After long and full discussion with R. W. Bro. Powell, Prov. G. M. for Scotland in British Columbia, we have concluded together that it will be for the best interests of Freemasonry in the Colony to ascertain the views of the Craft generally, as to the formation of an Independent Grand Lodge in which all should be able to unite, and for the purpose to take a *per capita* vote, yea or nay, on the subject. The Brethren under my Jurisdiction are requested to dismiss from their minds all questions that have been raised, and to give their unbiased vote on this most important point, with a view to the preservation of harmony and unanimity in our Ancient Craft.

(Signed.)

ROBERT BURNABY, D. G. M.
per Thos. Shotbolt, D. G. S."

You will be furnished herewith the necessary directions by our V. W. the Provincial Grand Secretary, as to the mode of ascertaining the vote, of every member of your Lodge upon our united action, and I need not add, with how much pleasure and gratification I look with confidence to the future unity and happiness of all members of our Ancient Craft in the Colony.

(Signed)

I. W. POWELL,
Provincial Grand Master, British Columbia, R. S.

The total vote resulted as follows: In the affirmative, 194; in the negative, 28.

In consequence of the above (almost unanimous) vote of the Craft, the R. W. District and Provincial Grand Masters E. R. and S. R., after due consideration, issued to their respective subordinate Lodges the subjoined Circular, under authority of which the respective Lodges in British Columbia on the Registries of England and Scotland assembled in Convention at the Masonic Hall in the city of Victoria on the 21st of October, A. L. 5871, at 7½ o'clock p. m.

VICTORIA, B. C., 21st. September, 1871.

TO THE W. MASTER, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE LODGE
.....No....R. S.

W. Dear Sir and Brethern.

Referring to the R. W. Provincial Grand Master's Circular of the 26th June, 1871, respecting a *per capita* vote of the Brethren of our Jurisdiction on the question of an Indepen-

dent Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I am requested to enclose herewith for the information of your Lodge, the resulting return of such vote. In accordance therewith, your Lodge is now desired to authorize the W. Master, Past Masters, and Wardens to meet like representatives from all other Lodges in this Province in Convention on the 21st. October, 1871, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., in the Masonic Hall, Government street, Victoria, to determine details and to take such action as may be deemed necessary for the formation of an Independent Grand Lodge of Free Masons in British Columbia. Proxies in lieu of Officers may only be appointed if there be an impossibility of the latter being able to attend.

I beg to remain, W. Sir and Brethren, yours fraternally,

H. F. HEISTERMAN,

Prov. Grand Secretary.

The Convention having met pursuant to notice, was called to order by

Bro. H. Nathan proposing, and Bro. Eli Harrison seconding Bro. James A. Grahame, as Chairman of this Convention. Carried unanimously.

Bro. W. Dalby then proposed, and Bro. M. W. Waitt seconded Bro. H. F. Heisterman as Secretary of this Convention. Also carried unanimously.

The Chairman, Bro. Jas. A. Grahame, for the purpose of more clearly stating the object of calling this Convention, then read the Circular (above referred to) issued by the R. W. Prov. Grand Master Dr. Powell, of the 26th June last, after which Bro. J. F. McCreight moved and Bro. S. D. Levi seconded, that a Committee on Credentials be appointed. Carried.

The Chairman then appointed

BRO. S. D. LEVI,
" W. H. THAIN, } *Committee.*

After due time had elapsed the Secretary read the following report :

To the Masonic Convention :

BRETHREN :—Your Committee beg leave to report as follows : We find the Representatives present from eight Chartered Lodges, viz : Victoria Lodge, No. 783, E. R. Vancouver Lodge, No. 421, R. S., Nanaimo Lodge, No. 1090, E. R., Cariboo Lodge, No. 469, R. S., British Columbia, No. 1187, E. R., Caledonia Lodge, No. 478, R. S., Mount

Hermon Lodge, No. 491, R. S., and Quadra Lodge, R. S.,
Union Lodge, No. 899, New Westminster, is not represented.

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 783.

C. Thorne, W. M.
R. Burnaby, P. M.
J. F. McCreight, P. M.
H. Nathan, jr., P. M.
John Banks, P. M.
Saml. L. Kelly, S. W.
I. Raggazoni, J. W.

VANCOUVER LODGE, No. 421.

W. Dalby, W. M.
Dr. I. W. Powell, P. M.
Simeon Duck, P. M.
M. W. Waitt, P. M.
Joshua Davies, proxy for G. C. Keays, P. M.
Jas. Crump, S. W.
John Stafford, J. W.

NANAIMO LODGE, No. 1090.

W. H. Thain, proxy for Chas. A. Allport, W. M.
Geo. Booth, " Capt. W. Clarke, P. M.
Geo. Bevilockway, S. W.
Edw'd Quennell, proxy for Mark Bate, J. W.

CARIBOO LODGE, No. 469.

H. F. Heisterman, proxy for J. S. Thompson, W. M.
Jer. Madden, " Jon. Nutt, P. M.
Alex. Gilmore, " John Bruce, S. W.
R. P. Rithet, " Edwd. Pearson, J. W.

BRITISH COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 1187.

Thos. Shotbolt, W. M.
J. Winger, S. W.
H. Brown, J. W.

CALEDONIA LODGE, No. 478.

Eli Harrison, proxy for W. Stewart, W. M.
S. D. Levi, P. M.
W. B. Wilson, proxy for I. Renwick, S. W.
J. Kriemler, " A. Muir, J. W.

MOUNT HERMON LODGE, No. 491.

Dr. W. Jackson, proxy for John McDonald, W. M.
Simeon Duck, " J. C. Hughes, P. M.
Chas. Taylor, " Coote M. Chambers P. M.
W. Dalby, " G. W. Haynes, S. W.
" J. W. not represented.

QUADRA LODGE, R. S.

Jas. A. Grahame, W. M.

Eli Harrison, P. M.

C. Strouss, proxy for W. Frazer, S. W.

H. B. Willson Aikman, J. W.

Who are entitled to seats in this Convention.

All which is respectfully submitted,

W. H. THAIN, } *Committee on*
 S. D. LEVI, } *Credentials.*

R. W. Bro. Robt. Burnaby then stated, it would be well if the Convention would come to an understanding as to the right of proxies to vote. In the Grand Lodge of England such were not allowed—he did not desire to throw any obstacle in the way of proxies voting, if the Convention saw fit, he only desired their rights to be established.

R. W. Bro. I. W. Powell then stated that proxies were allowed in the Grand Lodge of Scotland and in all the Provincial and American Grand Lodges, and that if proxies were not allowed, his Lodges in Cariboo, Burrard Inlet, and Nanaimo would not be represented.

He therefore begged to move,

That any Master, Warden or Past Master of any Lodge in this Province, who is unable to attend in person at this Convention, shall be allowed to nominate a proxy in his stead,

Which was seconded by R. W. Bro. Robt. Burnaby, and carried.

Bro. M. W. Waite then moved, and Bro. H. Nathan seconded,

That the report of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted, and that Past Masters be allowed only one vote as such. Carried.

R. W. Bro. Powell moved, and Bro. Banks seconded,

That for the government of this Convention the Rules of the Grand Lodge of England be adopted. Carried.

R. W. Bro. Burnaby, in a brief and appropriate speech, which was seconded by R. W. Bro. Dr. I. W. Powell, moved the following resolution:

Resolved,—That in order to establish perfect fraternal harmony and concord, and to promote the lasting welfare of the Masonic fraternity in British Columbia it is

expedient to form a Grand Lodge in and for the Province of British Columbia.

With much applause this resolution was declared unanimously carried.

Bro. S. D. Levi moved, and Bro. M. W. Waitt seconded the following resolution :

Resolved,—That the representatives now in Convention assembled on behalf of their respective Lodges represented by them, do hereby declare themselves to be and that they now proceed to organize the most worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia."

Which was also carried unanimously.

R. W. Bro. R. Burnaby moved and R. W. Bro. Dr. Powell seconded the following resolution :

Resolved,—That the constitution of the Grand Lodge of England for the present be adopted, so far as may be found applicable to existing circumstances, except nevertheless that the following officers shall be elected by Grand Lodge, viz: Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Chaplain, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Tyler, the remaining officers to be appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master.

Before the resolution was put Bro. Waitt moved, and Bro. Dalby seconded an amendment :

That the Grand Secretary also be elected ;

Which, on the ayes and noes being called, was lost,—resulting in 15 ayes and 19 noes, which on motion of Bro. Burnaby, seconded by Bro. Dr. Powell, was put on record.

The original resolution was then carried.

Bro. S. L. Kelly moved, and Bro. C. Strauss seconded,

That the Convention proceed to the election of Grand Officers to-night. Carried.

An amendment moved by Bro. Banks, seconded by Bro. Nathan,

That we adjourn till Monday next, was lost.

The Grand Lodge thereupon proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, when the following were duly nominated and declared unanimously elected :

M. W. I. W. POWELL.....Grand Master.
R. W. Hon. J. F. MCCREIGHT....Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. SIMEON DUCK, M. P. P.....Senior Grand Warden.

R. W. HENRY NATHAN, JR. Junior Grand Warden.
 V. W. and REV. F. GRIEBELL Grand Chaplain.
 V. W. M. W. WAITT Grand Treasurer
 P. J. HALL Grand Tyler.

On motion of Bro. Henry Nathan, seconded by Bro. M. W. Waitt, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Whereas, the R. Worshipful Robert Burnaby, Esq., District Grand Master under England at the time of the erection of this Grand Lodge, has rendered valuable services to the Craft in general in this Province, and has distinguished himself as a brother of eminence and ability, therefore be it

Resolved,—That the R. W. Robert Burnaby is hereby constituted a permanent member of this Grand Lodge with the title, rank and dignity of Past Grand Master.

Also, on Motion of Bro. M. W. Waitt, seconded by Bro. C. Thorne, it was

Resolved,—That in consideration of the eminent services rendered by the Chairman of this Convention and the previous Convention in March last to the Fraternity: That the R. W. Brother James A. Grahame is hereby constituted a permanent Member of this Grand Lodge, with the rank, title, and dignity of Past Deputy Grand Master.

On motion of Bro. H. Nathan, Jr., seconded by Bro. Eli Harrison, it was

Resolved,—That the number and status of each Lodge represented at the organization of this Grand Lodge, shall be determined by the date of the Warrant from the Grand Lodge respectively under which they have worked up to the time of the formation of this Grand Lodge; and further,

That until the issue of proper Warrants, the Most Worshipful Grand Master shall be empowered to grant Dispensations under his sign manual to all Lodges desiring to continue their work.

On motion of Bro. Simeon Duck, seconded by Bro. William Dalby, it was

Resolved,—That a Committee of five, together with the Chairman and Secretary of this Convention, be appointed to frame a Constitution and General Regulations for the government of this Grand Lodge, and report thereon at the next meeting of this Convention.

Whereupon the Chairman appointed as such Committee,

Brother ROBERT BURNABY,
 " ISRAEL WOOD POWELL,
 " HENRY NATHAN, JR.,
 " SIMEON DUCK, and
 " MARSHALL W. WAITT.

On motion of Bro. H. Nathan, seconded by Bro. R. Burnaby, it was ordered,

That all Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons in the Province of British Columbia, be required to surrender to their respective Grand Lodges, on or before the 1st day of January, 1872, the Warrants now held by them.

Both the M. W. Grand Master elect and the M. W. the Past Grand Master elect, having been absent during the election, the Chairman notified them of the action of this Convention, when the M. W. Grand Master elect, Dr. Pcwell, acknowledged the distinguished honor conferred upon him in suitable terms, and expressed his heartfelt hope, that with the cordial sympathy, assistance and co-operation of all the Craft, his acceptance of the sacred trust might only tend to cement and perpetuate the harmony and happiness of the Fraternity of British Columbia.

R. W. District Grand Master Burnaby then congratulated the assembled craft on the regularity of their proceedings and his M. W. Brother, the Grand Master elect, upon the high honor which had been conferred upon him, and whose election he considered could only be productive of good to the united Craft of the Province.

He would now beg to move,

That this Convention do adjourn at the call of the Chairman,

Which was seconded by the M. W. Grand Master elect, and carried.

JAS. A. GRAHAME,
Chairman of Convention.

H. F. HEISTERMAN,
Secretary.

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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
M. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia,

HELD AT

VICTORIA, 26TH AND 27TH DECEMBER, A. L. 5871, A. D. 1871.

At the Masonic Hall, Government street, in the city of Victoria, on the 26th of December, 1871, at 2 o'clock p. m., a Lodge of Master Masons was opened in due form, the R. W. Past Deputy Grand Master elect, Brother James A. Grahame, Esquire, in the East, R. W. Senior Grand Warden elect, Simeon Duck in the the West, and W. Brother W. B. Wilson in the South; together with a large and influential gathering of members of the Craft from all parts of the Province, hailing from the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland.

The R. W. Bro. Grahame informed the Brethren, that this meeting had been summoned according to a resolution of Convention, for the purpose of proceeding in the organization of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons for the Province of British Columbia, and the Grand Master elect would now be installed according to ancient usage.

He then appointed W. Bro. Eli Harrison to act as Director of Ceremonies, who thereupon retired and reported the R. W. Brother Robert Burnaby, District Grand Master E. R., in waiting and ready to instal the Most Worshipful Grand Master elect, into his high and responsible office.

The R. W. Master thereupon appointed the following

Past Masters, a Deputation to retire and introduce the installing Officer.

W. Bro. R. LEWIS, P. M. Victoria Lodge;
 W. Bro. WAITT, P. M. Vancouver Lodge;
 W. Bro. THOS. SHOTBOLT, P. M. British Columbia Lodge;
 W. Bro. W. CLARKE, P. M. Nanaimo Lodge;
 W. Bro. C. THORNE, P. M. Victoria Lodge;
 W. Bro. W. DALBY, P. M. Vancouver Lodge;

Who, accompanied by the Director of Ceremonies withdrew, and immediately after returned to the Lodge escorting R. W. Bro Burnaby, who was received by the Brethren with the Grand Honors.

After being formally introduced by the Director of Ceremonies, he was cordially welcomed by the R. W. Master, who thereupon resigned his chair and gavel to him and requested, that he proceed with the important ceremony assigned to him.

The Grand Master elect, Most Worshipful Israel Wood Powell, Esquire, was then duly obligated, invested, and installed Grand Master of British Columbia and saluted with the Grand Honors.

MUSIC BY THE CHOIR.

Proclamation was then made in the East, West and South.

The following Officers, elected and appointed were then invested, installed and proclaimed, viz :

R. W. Hon. J. F. McCreight, Deputy Grand Master.
 R. W. Simeon Duck, M.P.P. Senior Grand Warden.
 R. W. *Henry Nathan Jr., M.P., Junior Grand Warden.
 V. W. M. W. Waitt. Grand Treasurer.
 V. W. H. F. Heisterman. Grand Secretary.
 V. W. Rev. F. Gribbell. Grand Chaplain.
 W. William Clarke. Senior Grand Deacon.
 W. I. Ragazzoni. Junior Grand Deacon.
 W. R. Lewis. Grand Superintendent of Works.
 W. Eli Harrison. Grand Director of Ceremonies.
 W. W. Dalby. Grand Marshall.
 W. Thos. Shotbolt. Grand Sword Bearer.
 W. W. B. Wilson. Grand Standard Bearer.
 W. J. J. Austin. Grand Organist.
 W. S. L. Kelly. Grand Pursuivant.
 W. J. Winger. Grand Steward.
 W. J. Crump. Grand Steward.

W. H. Brown.....Grand Steward.
 W. *J. S. Thompson, M. P. Grand Steward.
 W. *J. C. Hughes, M. P. P. Grand Steward.
 Bro. P. J. Hall.....Grand Tyler.

[*These brethren not being present were not invested.]

[*W. Bro. Thos. Harris, P. M., was appointed J. G. W. pro tem.]

MUSIC BY THE CHOIR.

The M. W. Grand Master then ordered the W. Grand Director of Ceremonies to declare the Grand Lodge of British Columbia installed with the Grand Honors.

The R. W. District Grand Master and first M. W. P. G. Master elect then addressed the M. W. Grand Master as follows:—

Most Worshipful Sir, I consider it a great honor to have been requested to instal you into the Chair as Most Worshipful Grand Master of British Columbia, to which exalted position you have been elected by a majority of the Craft; and I feel assured that in your hands the honor and reputation of Masonry in this Province will be amply sustained and jealously guarded. I beg to assure you, Most Worshipful Sir, that no one more sincerely than I do, congratulate you upon the high honor to which you have been called—and I feel assured that the interests of Masonry and of all its members will be your especial care. To the Brethren of Grand Lodge, I wish to state my complete satisfaction at the work we have this day consummated. A previous movement in the same direction, I felt it my duty to oppose, but after the return of the M. W. Grand Master and due conference had with him, a scheme was arranged, which has its due completion and fulfilment to-day.

I now wish to assure those who took part in the previous movement, that their efforts for the unity of discordant elements in the Craft have been fully appreciated, and that so soon as I could see a clear way to do so, I have heartily joined in it. In proof of this, I request the attention of Grand Lodge to the following correspondence, from which I trust the brethren will perceive, that I have endeavored to act with thorough *bona fides* throughout.

FREE MASONS HALL, LONDON, W. C.
5th October, 1871.

Dear Sir and Brother :

I last had the pleasure of addressing you on the 23rd June, since which I am in receipt of your favor of the 14th July, and the pamphlet you were good enough to forward, and all the papers connected with the formation of the proposed Grand Lodge for British Columbia, have been submitted to the Colonial Board, and have been carefully read and considered by the President and the members generally.

I have now the pleasure of expressing to you, on the part of the Board, their feeling, that throughout the whole of the difficult position in which you have been placed, as District Grand Master, you have conducted yourself with great judgement and temper, and the Board do not feel that you could have been better advised.

I learn, however, from a letter recently received from Bro. Holbrook, that the event, foreshadowed in your last letter, has arrived more quickly than you anticipated. He tells me therein that the new Grand Lodge is already formed, but that his Lodge No. 899 has determined, at any rate for the present to adhere to its allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England. Whenever the formation of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia is formally announced and the question of its recognition comes before Grand Lodge, which I suppose it will do, of course the rights and privileges of any Lodge or Lodges adhering to the Mother Grand Lodge, will, as in former cases, be reserved.

I shall look forward to your first Communication with great interest, in the mean time, although it would appear that we shall not be so intimately connected as heretofore, permit me to assure you of my unalterable fraternal esteem and respect.

I have the honor to be,

Dear Sir and R. W. Brother,

Truely and fraternally yours,

ROBERT BURNABY, ESQ., JOHN HERVEY, G. S.
R. W. D. G. M. British Columbia,
&c., &c., &c.

DISTRICT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.
DISTRICT GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
MASONIC HALL, GOVERNMENT STREET,
VICTORIA, B. C., 6th Nov., 1871.

To THE V. W. BRO. J. HERVEY,
Grand Secretary, &c.,
Freemasons' Hall, London.

V W. *Dear Sir and Bro.*

I am in due receipt of your favor of the 5th October,

1871, in answer to mine of the 14th July last, and I beg to express the great satisfaction it gives me to find, that the action I had previously reported, had met with the approbation of the President, and members of the Colonial Board, nevertheless, as you will have gathered from my last letter, the attitude of the Craft at large was such, as to convince me of the necessity for some definite action being taken; accordingly a per capita vote of the Brethren was taken in each Lodge under the conjoint instructions of the R. W. the P. G. M., R. S., and myself, with the following result, as regards the Lodges under this jurisdiction:

Victoria Lodge, No. 783, E. R., Victoria,

Pro. Grand Lodge, 18; contra, 3; blanks, 2.

Union Lodge, No. 899, E. R., New Westminster,

Pro. Grand Lodge, 2; contra, 9; blanks, 0.

Nanaimo Lodge, No. 1090, E. R., Nanaimo,

Pro. Grand Lodge, 3; contra, 6; blanks, 0.

British Columbia Lodge, No. 1187, E. R., Victoria,

Pro. Grand Lodge, 19; contra, 7; blanks, 2.

Total result of English Jurisdiction as recorded:—Pro. Grand Lodge, 42; contra, 25; blanks, 4.

The vote taken in every Lodge under the Scotch Jurisdiction, five in number, were in each case unanimously in favor of an Independent Grand Lodge.

Consequently the condition made by me with the R. W., the P. G. M. for Scotland, and adverted to in my letter of the 14th July, viz: "That the vote of the Brethren should be taken yea or nay on the question of independence, and that provided a clear two-third vote of the Craft favored the movement, I would at once strongly recommend the proposed Grand Lodge of British Columbia for fraternal recognition by our Mother Grand Lodge," required fulfilment.

In view of the returns I have reported above, no course is left to me but this, and this accordingly I now do, and in doing so I beg most respectfully to lay before the M. W. the Grand Master, with deep regret, the resignation of the trust confided to me by his distinguished predecessor, and so kindly continued by himself.

It will always be a source of pride to me to hail from, and be associated with the Grand Lodge of England, and it is not without a pang that I find myself compelled, in however slight a manner, to sever the connection that has bound us together; nothing but a sense of the urgent necessity of it could have led me to take such a step, and it is only a conviction that when our proceedings have been fully reported, the

Grand Lodge of England will recognize that necessity, as I have done; and will therefore recognize the Grand Lodge of British Columbia as its result, that enables me to resign my office with any complacency.

Before any reply can have been received by me from the M. W. the Grand Master, a detailed report of all the proceedings which took place at the late Convention of Lodges in the Province of British Columbia, held at the Masonic Hall, in Victoria, on the 21st October last, when it was then and there resolved to form a Grand Lodge, in, and for this Province, will have been transmitted to you for the information of Grand Lodge, accompanied by a request that this Grand Lodge may be met by fraternal recognition.

This request I beg personally, most earnestly and cordially to endorse, notwithstanding any opposition I may have felt it my duty to offer when the movement was first started; and I trust that our Mother Grand Lodge will always in British Columbia find a daughter, that may do credit to so distinguished a parent.

It is almost unnecessary to add, that any Lodge desirous of retaining its present charter, will have its rights reserved in accordance with established precedents.

I beg to thank you most heartily for the kind expressions towards myself, with which your letter closes, and to assure you that they are most fraternally reciprocated by me in every respect.

I have the honor to be,

Dear Sir and V. W. Brother,

Truly and fraternally yours,

(Signed.)

ROBERT BURNABY,

D. G. M.

In conclusion, Most Worshipful Sir, I desire to express my earnest wish that all members of the Craft will unite in striving to maintain and uphold the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, thus happily and harmoniously inaugurated, and that we may all endeavor to cement our order with the bond of Brotherly love, unanimity and concord. I beg further, Most Worshipful Sir, that you will have the goodness to accept on behalf of Grand Lodge, the Grand Master's chain, which you now wear, to be worn by you and by your successors as their badge of office, in proof of the hearty and earnest desire I have to support you in your high position, and to see the same thoroughly upheld. To which the M. W. the Grand Master replied as follows:

Permit me, Most Worshipful Sir, to express to you my sincere thanks and the gratitude of the Craft not only for this handsome and most appropriate gift with which you have so courteously invested me, but for the highly important part you have taken generally in the inaugural ceremonies of this Grand Lodge. If anything could add to the honor of being elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, it is the further and perfect gratification I experience in having been installed and placed upon the throne by yourself. A pioneer of Masonry in the Province, subsequently occupying with great credit the highest position in the gift of the distinguished Grand Lodge you have had the honor of representing in this Colony, it is not to be wondered at, that the Craft of this country unanimously asked you to accept the rank and dignity of our First Past Grand Master, and join one in all, in the earnest hope that our future efforts to establish the blessed principles of our order upon a firm and lasting basis in this distant portion of the British Dominion, may be long benefitted by your valuable assistance and co-operation. We feel that it is useless for us to add anything to the well merited encomiums justly bestowed upon you by your illustrious Grand Lodge; but I should be guilty of great omission were I not to advert to your letter of resignation of the District Grand Mastership, and fail to convey to you an expression of our heartfelt appreciation of the noble spirit of patriotism which every word therein breathes, not only to your parent Grand Lodge, but to the brethren of your adopted home. A true Masonic patriot, a faithful British Columbian, may you long be spared to shed light and love upon the Craft, and and give good deeds of faithful citizenship to your adopted country. Allow me, M. W. Sir, on behalf of many brethren, to present you with this handsome and magnificent jewel of a Past Grand Master which I beg to assure you is only a very slight token of our distinguished fraternal regard. The greatest and most merited compliment I could pay you, is, that we consider it an honor of which we feel justly proud that you should be the first to wear the badge of a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

M. W. Bro. Burnaby then made a most feeling and eloquent reply, and after prayer by the Chaplain, the Master's Lodge was closed in due form.

The Grand Master, on the Throne, then opened the Grand Lodge of British Columbia in *ample* form.

OPENING HYMN BY THE CHOIR.

The Grand Master made announcement from the East, which was responded to in the West and South, that the Grand Lodge of British Columbia was about to be consecrated and dedicated, and enjoined upon all brethren due order and decorum.

A procession of the Grand officers was then formed around the *Lodge*, with an accompaniment of solemn music played on the organ.

The Grand Lodge was duly consecrated and dedicated according to ancient custom.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Music by the Orchestra.

Proclamation in the East, West and South.

Grand Honors.

The Grand Lodge was thereupon called from labor to refreshment, to meet again at 8 o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor at 8 o'clock,

The M. W. Grand Master on the throne.

The M. W. Grand Master then addressed the Grand Lodge. He said:—

Having been duly installed into the high and responsible position of Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of British Columbia to which I have had the high honor of being elected by the free vote of your Convention, I should be ungrateful were I not first to reiterate my fervent thanks for this additional and distinguished mark of your great confidence. My assumption of future success in laying a proper substructure upon which to erect our

Temple in British Columbia would be most vain, did I not rely upon the cordial unanimity, the well-known fidelity and the mutual efforts of all of my brethren, to make that expectation triumphant. Casting aside even the approach of anything like envy, jealousy or schism, let us unite in beginning with harmony and love, the great work which is now before us,—remembering, that the excellence and permanence of the superstructure will depend altogether upon the perfection and solidity of the foundation,—that the union of all its parts in our projected edifice will depend greatly upon the liberality with which we shall spread the binding cement of brotherly love and affection,—that our conduct must be such as not only to challenge the criticism of the present, but to evoke the admiration of those who follow us, after we shall have been summoned to the nobler rewards of a Grand Lodge, and when naught shall be left of us here, but our foot prints and the results of our faithful handiwork. We should bear in mind that the eyes of the Masonic world are now upon us, and it remains for us, and only us, to exhibit proof of our capabilities for self government, and of our ability and intention to form a worthy link in the great chain or sisterhood of Grand Lodges on this thrifty and flourishing Continent. The youngest, though perhaps not the smallest Grand Lodge in the Universe, our aspirations are not by any means infantile and with the comparatively abundant possession of good material, with resolute hearts and strong hands, are we not justified in hoping that our future success and prosperity will be more than commensurate with the increasing growth and halcyon days in store for those who people the Pacific slope. Let us render grateful thanksgiving to the Most High for having prospered us in the past,—let us unite in exploring His blessing on our present union, and with reverence and fervor, seek His protection and His guidance in time to come. It is needless for me to refer to all the circumstances which have led to the

ERECTION OF THIS GRAND LODGE,

suffice it to observe that up to the present time no Grand

Body has had exclusive jurisdiction in our Province—being what is generally known as “unoccupied Masonic territory.” The Confederation of the separate British Provinces under the Imperial Act of Union has opened British Columbia to any or all of the Grand Lodges of the Dominion as territory into which their Warrants for the erection of Lodges could be issued. There were in this Province a Provincial Grand Lodge under the Grand Lodge of Scotland and a District Grand Lodge under the Grand Lodge of England—the former with five subordinate lodges and the latter with four, and each having concurrent jurisdiction. These facts alone, would give rise to the appearance and certainly abundant food for the thought, of too much government for a limited community, but when added to the prospect of other Grand Bodies claiming jurisdiction in our midst, it became a question of paramount necessity to unite discordant and fractional elements and give *undivided supremacy* to a Grand Lodge which should be formed of ourselves and with ourselves. I need not allude to any unsuccessful efforts to bring this wished for union about, but it will be a matter of history, it is a matter of great pride, for me to refer to the *great conciliation of both English and Scottish Freemasons* which resulted in the happy and harmonious Convention you have just concluded, and which gave birth and life to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia. In respect, however, to the preliminary steps which were taken in the formation of this Convention it may be well for me to state, that immediately after the returns were made as called for by the R. W. District Grand Master E. R. and myself, showing the wishes of the united Craft in respect to the proposed erection of this Grand Lodge, I forwarded on the 24th of July last the following letter of resignation as Prov. Grand Master to our M. W. Grand Lodge in Scotland :

VICTORIA, B. C., 24th July, 1871.

ALEX. STEWART, ESQUIRE,
 GRAND SECRETARY, GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND,
 Freemason's Hall, 98 George street,
 Edinburgh.

R. W. Dear Sir and Bro.

I have the honor of submitting the enclosed circular respecting the action taken by me in regard to the proceedings of the late Masonic Convention held in this place (during my absence in Europe) with a view to the formation of the Independent Grand Lodge of British Columbia. I had some time since forwarded the resolutions passed by the Lodge Vancouver No. 421, inviting all the Lodges of the Colony to take action thereon, but having had no acknowledgment from our M. W. Grand Lodge, I have, up to this time refrained from any interference in the matter pro or con. On my arrival here finding that a Convention, composing all the Lodges of my Jurisdiction, had taken the preliminary steps towards the formation of an Independent Grand Lodge, and that this movement apparently had not the sympathy of the brethren of the English Jurisdiction, I at once concluded that such a change would not only cause enmity and jealousy among the English and Scottish Freemasons, where had previously existed unity and harmony, but that the objects for which an Independent Grand Lodge should be formed, viz: the unification of both Crafts, would be frustrated; I have therefore had several conferences with the R. W. the District Grand Master of the Sister Jurisdiction, the final results of which were: First, that we should both take similar and united action to ascertain the wishes of a majority of all Masons in the Colony respecting the proposed movement.

Second, That we both should govern ourselves accordingly, *i. e.*: either to continue our present allegiance or to resign our positions and invite as a necessity to future unanimity in our Crafts, the immediate recognition by our M. W. Grand Lodges of a proposed Independent Grand Lodge, which should include all Lodges in the Colony, both English and Scottish. Returns from all Lodges have now been furnished us, showing all to be in favor of inaugurating the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. An additional reason therefor, being the Confederation of this Colony with Canada, thus throwing the Jurisdictions hitherto held by England and Scotland open to any of the Independent Grand Lodges of the Dominion; I therefore beg regretfully to resign herewith the high honor of the Provincial Grand Mastership of this Colony bestowed upon me by our M. W. Grand Lodge. The privilege of representing our M. W. Grand Master in British Columbia I

have enjoyed during the last five years with a great deal of pleasure, and may I trust with some profit to the Brethren more directly concerned; may I not be permitted to add a hope, that the several duties which have devolved upon me have been discharged during that period, to the satisfaction of our M. W. Grand Lodge—the greatest reward I could desire, on the resignation of my sacred trust.

You will please convey to the M. W. Grand Master and Grand Lodge my fervent gratitude for the confidence hitherto reposed in me, and the assurance that only a solemn sense of my duty to the Craft in British Columbia, a knowledge of whose requirement a long and intimate connection enables me fully to understand, would prompt a termination of my present official connection. May I beg of you too to express my earnest hope that the young daughter will meet with a hearty recognition, and God speed from the venerable mother, whose future prosperity and happiness is so desired by us all, and that fortified by the great principles of common brotherhood instilled by long fealty to the Constitutions of the two foremost Grand Lodges of the world, England and Scotland, she may only exchange obedience, for emulation of their virtues.

The Charters of the different Lodges under my care I shall cause to be forwarded to you in due course, as also a correct return and transmission of any dues which may be outstanding and owing our Grand Lodge; I shall also forward a copy of the proceedings preliminary to the unity of the two Crafts and formation of the new Grand Lodge, with a hope that the reception of the same, will have your speedy acknowledgment.

I would beg too, as a special favor to myself and those whom I represent, that should our M. W. Grand Lodge concur in the position, which I have found it necessary to assume, and agree with my suggestion as to recognition of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, that you will as soon as possible, communicate the same to the Grand Lodge of England, in order that the R. W. District Grand Master of that Jurisdiction and myself may act in concert, and with the previous knowledge and consent of both our M. W. Grand Lodges.

I have the honor, to be,

R. W. Sir and Dear Brother,

Fraternally and faithfully yours,

(Signed),

I. W. POWELL,

P. G. M.

As yet I have received no reply to the above; but though the slowness of our Grand Parent to move especially on such matters as due recognition of her own children's independence is proverbial, I have not the least doubt we

shall have it in time, and her friendship, when once obtained, is faithful, fervent and lasting.

Only one Lodge, the "Union" E. R. (New Westminster) has declined to take part in this truly loyal work. What the reasons of the Brethren composing this Lodge can be, for withholding "a helping hand" in our fraternal undertaking, which has for its object the unity of the Brotherhood of our adopted Province, I cannot divine, but I indulge in the hope that they will not persevere in remaining in the cold shade of isolation, and that with the joy of second and perhaps wiser thought, they will join "our ranks" and assist us in the completion of an object which is for the happiness and harmony, of all good Brethren within our borders. The many evils arising from a want of Masonic unity in every territory where several Grand Lodges exercise concurrent jurisdiction, our own experience, nay, the history of Masonry in England itself, and the troubles which existed in that country prior to the fusion and union of the two Grand bodies into the existing Grand Lodge, furnish indubitable proof of the excellence of that well known law of our Fraternity, that a Grand Lodge should exercise sole and exclusive authority in the country in which it exists, and after which, it is most appropriately named. Every enlightened Brother, especially the one whose heart is in his home and whose home, is in British Columbia, must see that his first duty to the Craft and the highest interests of our Brotherhood, require him, to give his cordial assistance and co-operation in maintaining, the exclusive and undivided supremacy of this Grand Lodge, within the boundaries of this Province. Under any circumstances I cannot conceive that the M. W. Grand Lodge of England will withhold for one moment a prompt acknowledgment of her former daughter, who, in the wisdom and maturity of womanhood, will still profit by and cherish kindred ties, with the noble and distinguished parent, but she will carry out the precedent adopted by her in the other Provinces,—to wit:—Render a prompt recognition to our M. W. Grand Lodge, which has been legally inaugurated and consecrated, and permit her faithful Lodges in this country to retain

their Warrants among their archives, *only* "as memorials of their parent Grand Lodge." There are many matters which will demand your consideration, and which it is necessary I should bring to your notice. Time, however, will only permit me at present to mention the most important, and among which is,

THE RITUAL.

This is one of the most significant questions with which we shall have to deal, and demands the most temperate and careful consideration. The adoption of uniformity in Ritual, all will concede to be most desirable—especially in view of the erection of new Lodges in the Jurisdiction. On the other hand all must recollect that our Grand Lodge is formed by the union of the English and Scottish Crafts of the Province, each of whom are wedded and are partial to, their own particular work. Hence, under any and all circumstances, Lodges taking part in the formation of this Grand Lodge, should have full permission to continue the work they now practice so long as they desire so to do. But I would even go further, and for the present at least pay another tribute to the moderation and desire for harmony, which have characterized our proceedings, and allow any Lodge which may hereafter be formed, to choose and adopt, either Ritual at present practiced in the Province. The question

OF REGALIA

will of course be decided upon in your Constitution, but in this connection, I might add, that I have been delegated to present the Regalia, gold jewells, furniture and archives, of the Provincial Grand Lodge to this M. W. Grand Lodge. It is a matter of pride and congratulation to me here to state, that the Pro. Grand Lodge over which I have had the honor of presiding, is free from indebtedness, with books paraphernalia, etc., in perfect order. In receiving the Regalia, I do not think you could do better than adopt it, as that of this Grand Lodge at best for some time to come.

A resolution has been forwarded me, by the District Grand

Secretary E. R., presenting us with the jewells, seal and regalia, of the late District Grand Lodge, in consideration of this G. L. assuming the liabilities thereof, amounting to some \$430, and which I hope will be taken over by you without hesitation. I trust, however, that all Lodges subordinate to both the late District and Prov. Grand Lodges, joining this Jurisdiction will see the necessity of contributing the Provs. dues accrued to the present date—a proceeding which would not only form a nucleus for paying off the above liability, but for paying some preliminary expenses of this Grand Lodge, which are strictly necessary.

Thus, my brethren, has our union been rendered complete by the harmonious action of the late District and Prov. Grand Lodges—an act which assures the future and perfect success of the Grand Lodge of B. C.

The difficulties hitherto experienced in this Province respecting the formation of a

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will now, I opine, happily have an end, and I would recommend the appointment of a Committee or Board of Relief, to whom all appeals for charity might be made. The formation of such a Board would relieve Masters of Lodges of much responsibility, and at the same time refer these claims to greater or more secure scrutiny, while the time of the Lodges would not be taken up in discussing them. Now that unity has dawned upon our hitherto divided Craft, and every circumstance in connection with it, indicates concomitant prosperity to all concerned, it would perhaps be well to consider the feasibility of purchasing a site, for the erection, at no distant date, of a proper

MASONIC HALL.

More than sufficient has been already expended in paying exorbitant rents, to provide fully for this purpose, and I trust that some measures ere long will be suggested by practical minds among us, either by stock subscriptions or otherwise, having in view an important object at once, so necessary and so desirable. I shall not fail to acquaint, with

the least possible delay, all sister Grand Lodges, of the happy and harmonious erection of this M. W. Grand Lodge, and I have not the least doubt that such action will be followed by

PROMPT AND FRATERNAL RECOGNITION.

Indeed, I may call your attention in connection with this matter, to an extract I have before me from a copy of the proceedings of that large and influential body, the Grand Lodge of Canada, last year, which already anticipates, as it were, a hearty acknowledgment of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. Referring to the reception of a report of the proceedings of the Prov. Grand Lodge of B. C., it says — “By a series of good sound resolutions passed at the last communication it is designed to have an

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uniting the brethren of both Jurisdictions under one authority. The District Grand Lodge (of England) has not favored us with any report, but we gather from *this* report, that the two Lodges are in mutual friendship. From the little pamphlet before us, we can observe as much *business tact* is displayed, as in most of our sister Lodges, with hundreds of subordinates. The proceedings convince us that the brethren of British Columbia are quite as competent to manage their own affairs. We scarcely think our Worthy Grand Mothers will attempt to throw any obstacle in their way. We wish them GOD SPEED, and rejoice to anticipate the day, not far distant, when we shall receive them as a sister, crying, “Hail (British) Columbia.” During my recent visit to the East, also, wherever I had the good fortune to meet eminent brethren of our Craft, and our anticipated union became a topic of conversation, I had every assurance of a warm welcome in this respect. Recent precedents (previously referred to) made by our parent Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, for whom long fealty, highly prized associations, and whose offspring indeed we are, cause us to entertain warm feelings of excusable partiality and affection, convince me that a hearty GOD SPEED from them, too, will quickly and gladly succeed this

intended notification. And now, by brethren, let me state, in

CONCLUSION,

my sincere conviction that our fortunate union—the happy birth of our Grand Lodge on the natal day of masonry's most illustrious patron Saint—the unanimity of purpose which has distinguished all our proceedings—our kindly and fraternal mutual greetings are all to me replete with the most joyful augury. Submitting at all times gracefully to the wishes of a majority, may each strive with diligence to inculcate the blessed principles of brotherly love and harmony. Only the corner stone of the Grand Temple we have united to build in this young Province, has been most auspiciously laid. Careful supervision, loyal obedience, unremitting zeal and the most steadfast devotion, will alone, enable us to crown our honorable labors with the cope stone of success. Let us all work faithfully in the interests of this great work, and may it finally meet with the approval and acceptance of our Grand Master above, who is the Most High and the Great Architect of the Universe.

I. W. POWELL,
Grand Master.

The V. W. Grand Secretary moved, and W. Grand Superintendent of Works seconded,

That the address be referred to a Committee of three, and that the M. W. the Past Grand Master, nominate said Committee. Carried.

The following were named the Committee :

W. Grand Superintendent of Works,
V. W. Grand Treasurer,
W. Grand Director of Ceremonies.

On motion of the V. W. Grand Treasurer, the name of M. W. Bro. Burnaby, P. Grand Master was added to the Committee.

The Grand Master stated to Grand Lodge, that in compliance with a resolution adopted in Convention on the 21st October last, he had granted to the Lodges uniting in the erection of this Grand Lodge intermediate warrants under his hand, to authorise such Lodges to continue their work,

until formal warrants be granted under the seal of the Grand Lodge, and that he had granted such authority to Lodges, that had resolved to join in the action taken. That such intermediate warrants had, on application, been granted to the following Lodges:

Victoria Lodge,	No. 1;
Vancouver "	No. 2;
Nanaimo "	No. 3;
Cariboo "	No. 4;
British Columbia Lodge,	No. 5;
Caledonia "	No. 6;
Mount Hermon "	No. 7;
Quadra "	No. 8.

The M. W. Grand Master stated, that he brought this matter before Grand Lodge, not only for the purpose of reporting his action under the resolution referred to, but also that Grand Lodge might consider the desirability, in view of the circumstances under which the intermediate warrants were issued, of now confirming all that had, under their respective warrants, been done by the respective Lodges.

Whereupon it was moved by the R. W. Acting Junior Grand Warden, and seconded by the M. W. Past Grand Master,

That the action of the M. W. the Grand Master be sustained and confirmed. Carried.

V. W. Grand Treasurer moved, and W. Grand Director of Ceremonies seconded,

That the Lodges in this Jurisdiction be allowed to retain in their possession their respective Charters, until notice be received from their respective M. W. Grand Lodges as to their disposal. Carried.

The M. W. Past Grand Master moved, and the V. W. Grand Treasurer seconded,

That the seal of the District Grand Lodge E. R. be so altered as to suit this Grand Lodge, and be adopted as the seal of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. Carried.

W. Grand Marshall moved, and W. Bro. C. Thorne seconded, the following resolution:

Resolved,—That the M. W. Grand Master, the M. W. Past Grand Master, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, the

W. Grand Superintendent of Works, and the W. Grand Director of Ceremonies be a Committee, to adopt designs for a Grand Lodge warrant and diploma, and have the same engraved as soon as circumstances will permit.

W. Bro. Thos. Shotbolt moved, and Bro. H. Brown seconded, the following resolution:

Resolved,—That the Grand Master be requested to take immediate steps to established fraternal relations between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodges in the Dominion, in Great Britain and Ireland, in the United States, Europe, and other parts of the world, either by an interchange of representatives with such Grand Lodges, or in such other way, as he may deem advisable.

R. W. Senior Grand Warden moved, and W. Grand Director of Ceremonies seconded, the following resolution:

Resolved,—Whereas the formation of this Grand Lodge has necessitated the resignation of R. W. Bro. Robert Burnaby as District Grand Master of the late District Grand Lodge E. R., previous to the expiration of five years tenure of said office, and

Whereas a tenure of office of five years is requisite to enable the said brother to retire with the rank of Past District Grand Master. Be it therefore

Resolved,—That in consequence of the above and because of the distinguished services of the said brother to the Craft in the Province, that the M. W. Grand Master be requested to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the M. W. Grand Lodge of England, and memorialize that Grand Body to allow the said brother to retire with the rank of a Past District Grand Master, and further, that he may be appointed a representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of England near this Grand Lodge.

W. Grand Superintendant of Works moved, and V. W. the Grand Secretary seconded the following resolution:

Resolved,—That the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens of the Provincial and District Grand Lodges of British Columbia at the time of the erection of this Grand Lodge be constituted Members of this Grand Lodge, with the rank and dignity of Past Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, providing always that they are members of Lodges in the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master read a letter of regret, received from M. W. Granville O. Haller, Grand Master of Washington Territory, and expressed his great gratification at the

evidence which this kind note gave of the reciprocal fraternal feeling which he hoped would forever form a happy bond of brotherhood, with our good friends and brethren across the border.

COUPEVILLE, W. T., December 13, 1871.

R. W. H. F. HEISTERMAN,
Grand Secretary elect,

M. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I had the honor to receive the invitation (dated 8th inst), of M. W. Grand Master elect, Dr. L. W. Powell, through you, for myself and such Grand Officers as may make it convenient to attend on the 26th inst., to assist in the inauguration and consecration of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of British Columbia.

While it would give me more than ordinary pleasure to attend and assist (and I may speak for the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Washington also) I regret to say, that a previous engagement will prevent our attendance.

By an arrangement in September last, the Grand Lodge of Washington will be convened in Port Gamble on St. John, the Evangelist's Day (27th inst.) to dedicate and consecrate the new Masonic Hall of Franklin Lodge No. 5.

Assure M. W. Brother Powell, that the G. L. of Washington will be with him in spirit if it cannot be present in person, and will most cordially welcome the M. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia in its circle of Grand Lodges.

Fraternally yours,

GBANVILLE O. HALLER.

Grand M. of Masons of Washington.

Also a letter from W. Bro. Thos. Shotbolt, tendering, on behalf of the District Grand Lodge, E. R., all their regalia, seal, etc., in consideration of the Grand Lodge assuming their debt of some \$430, to which he had already referred in his address.

A petition was read from Bro. Archibald McAlister, late a member of Caledonia Lodge No. 5, for re-instatement.

The M. W. P. Grand Master moved, and V. W. the Grand Treasurer seconded,

That the correspondence in reference thereto, be referred to the Board of General Purposes for their action and final decision. Carried.

W. Grand Marshall moved, and R. W. Senior Grand

Warden seconded the following resolution, which was also supported by M. W. Bro. Burnaby, Past Grand Master,

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to R. W. Bro. James A. Grahame, Past Deputy Grand Master, for the important part taken by him in the inaugural ceremonies of this M. W. Grand Lodge. Carried unanimously.

M. W. Bro. Burnaby, Past Grand Master, on behalf of the Committee appointed to frame a Constitution for this Grand Lodge, then presented the following report:

To the Convention of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in the Province of British Columbia in session, forming the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

Your Committee beg leave to present the following Draft of Constitution as the result of their labors.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES A. GRAHAME, Chairman,	} Committee.
ROBERT BURNABY,	
I. W. POWELL,	
M. W. WAITT,	
SIMEON DUCK,	
H. F. HEISTERMAN, Secretary,	

VICTORIA, 26th Dec., 1871.

Which report having been duly considered by Grand Lodge, W. Grand Director of Ceremonies moved, and R. W. acting Junior Grand Warden seconded the following resolution:

That the report of the Committee be adopted by this Grand Lodge, and that the Constitution as framed, be adopted as the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment at half-past ten o'clock p. m.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

27th December, 1871.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at two o'clock,

The M. W. Grand Master on the throne.

The V. W. Grand Secretary then read the minutes of the

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Convention of the 21st October last, as also the minutes of the proceedings of yesterday's afternoon and evening session.

Which on motion of M. W. Past Grand Master, seconded by V. W. Grand Treasurer, were confirmed as read.

M. W. Bro. Burnaby, Past Grand Master, Chairman of the Committee on the Grand Master's address, then presented the following report,

TO THE M.:W.:GRAND MASTER OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Committee appointed to report on the M. W. Grand Master's address, have the honor to state for the information of the Grand Lodge, that they cordially coincide with the views expressed throughout the address generally, and more especially as regards those in reference to Ritual and Regalia.

With regard to the latter part your Committee are decidedly of opinion, that no expense should be incurred until such time as proper provision shall have been made for a Fund of Benevolence, which they hope to see in operation at as early a date as possible.

Your Committee are also of opinion that all arrears due the District and Provincial Grand Lodges, up to the present date, should be paid by all subordinate Lodges with as little delay as possible.

Your Committee would also recommend that the books of both the District and Provincial Grand Lodges, so far as they have been written in, be sealed up and afterwards utilised for the purposes of this Grand Lodge whereby a considerable saving will be effected.

Your Committee also strongly concurs with your views in reference to the speedy erection of a Masonic Temple.

Your Committee are also of opinion, that the Board of General Purposes should be constituted without delay.

Your Committee desire further to express the satisfaction they feel at the able address delivered by the M. W. Grand Master, and they most heartily reciprocate on the part of Grand Lodge the fraternal spirit that pervades it throughout.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT BURNABY, (Chairman),	} Committee.
SIMEON DUCK,	
RICHARD LEWIS,	
ELI HARRISON,	
M. W. WAITT,	

W. Grand Marshall moved, and W. Grand Pursuivant seconded,

That the report of the Committee be received, the report adopted, and the Committee be discharged. Carried.

Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of the Board of General Purposes, in accordance with the provision of the Constitution, with the following result :

- M. W. ROBERT BURNABY . . . Past Grand Master.
- R. W. JAMES A. GRAHAME . . . Past Deputy Grand Master.
- W. THOS. SHOTBOLT Grand Swordbearer.
- W. R. LEWIS Grand Superintendent of Works.
- V. W. M. W. WAITE Grand Treasurer.
- W. ELI HARRISON Grand Director of Ceremonie.

(The following Bretheren are ex-officio members of this Board :

- M. W. ISRAEL WOOD POWELL Grand Master.
- R. W. HON. J. F. MCCREIGHT Deputy Grand Master,
(President of Board,)
- R. W. SIMEON DUCK S. Grand Warden.
- R. W. HENRY NATHAN J. Grand Warden.
- V. W. H. F. HEISTERMAN Grand Secretary, ex-
officio Secretary of the Board.)

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed W. Bro. Thomas Shotbolt, Grand Swordbearer, and he being present he was installed.

R. W. Senior Grand Warden moved, and M. W. Past Grand Master seconded the following resolution :

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be voted to V. W. Bro. H. F. Heisterman, Grand Secretary, for his eminent services as Secretary to the Convention in October last, and subsequently, and that the question of his future salary be referred to the Board of General purposes. Carried unanimously.

The M. W. the Grand Master then expressed the vote of thanks of the Grand Lodge to the V. W. Grand Secretary in suitable terms.

M. W. Past Grand Master moved, and W. Grand Superintendent of Works seconded,

That all the proceedings of the Convention and in Grand Lodge be printed. Carried.

M. W. Past Grand Master moved, and W. Grand Marshall seconded,

That all the recommendations in the M. W. Grand Master's address be referred to the Board of General Purposes for full action therein. Carried.

The M. W. Grand Master granted verbal dispensations to the Grand Officers and Members of subordinate Lodges to appear in full regalia at the ball held in honor of the inauguration of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge having finished the business of the Communication, it was closed in *ample* form, and with solemn prayer.

II. F. HEISTERMAN,

Grand Sec'y.

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RETURNS

OF THE

SUBORDINATE LODGES

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

M.: W.: Grand Lodge of British Columbia,
A. L. 5871.

VICTORIA LODGE, NO. 1.

VICTORIA, VANCOUVER ISLAND.

Stated Communications, first Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS.

I. Ragazzoni, W. M., J. G. D.
Robert Plummer, S. W.
J. Weiler, J. W.
Rev. F. Gribbell, Chaplain.
Hugh L. Jones, Treasurer.
J. C. Bales, Secretary.
A. W. Barnett, S. D.

Jas. Isbister, J. D.
Edwd. Dickenson, D. of C.
W. T. Leigh, Organist.
Jules Rueff, }
S. Driard, } Stewards.
T. Cuniff, J. G.
J. G. Vinter, Tyler, (not a member.)

PAST MASTERS.

C. Thorne.
J. J. Scudgate.
Robert Macnaby, P. G. M.
Franklin,
R. L. Lewis, G. S. of Works.
J. R. McLaugh, D. G. M.

Thomas Harris.
Henry Nathan, Jr., J. G. W.
J. Cooper, Affd.
W. Beck, Affd.
John Banks, Affd.

MASTER MASONS.

Giacomo Bossi
J. P. Davies
W. A. Elliott
Robert Foster
D. W. Higgins
G. R. Hudson
J. T. Howard
L. Kelly
Wm. Leigh

Robt. Laing
Joseph Lowen
Hugh McKay
Chas. McMillan
John Nicholson
Uriah Nelson
D. A. N. Ogilvy
Alex. Phillips
Henry Rhodes

A. R. Robertson
David Shade
James Strachan
Emil Sutro
Sidney J. Spark, R. N.
Nicole Torelle
James Trimble, M. D.
Fred. Williams
John Vogel

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FELLOW CRAFT.

T. W. Eastman

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ENTERED APPRENTICES.

Thomas Hankin

Edward Stephens

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VANCOUVER LODGE, NO. 2.

VICTORIA VANCOUVER ISLAND.

Stated Communication, first Wednesday in each month.

W. B. Wilson, W. M.
 Jas. Crump, D. M.
 R. J. McDonnell, S. M.
 John Jessop, J. W.
 Alex. Gilmore, J. W.
 H. E. Seelye, Secretary

John Finlayson, Treasurer
 William Robertson, S. D.
 C. G. Johnson, Steward.
 C. Taylor, J. D.
 P. Ousterhout, J. G.
 P. J. Hall, Tyler

PAST MASTERS.

M. W. I. W. Powell, G. M.
 R. W. Simeon Luck, S. G. M.
 V. W. M. W. Walitt, G. Treasurer

G. C. Keays
 W. William Dalby, G. Marshall
 W. Muldoon, Adf.

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J. R. Stewart
 T. S. Allatt
 V. W. H. F. Heisterman, G. S.
 Thos. Lowe
 Geo. Hickin
 Jos. Boscowitz
 Lewis Lewis
 Saml. Harris
 W. Haynes
 A. Astrico
 J. F. Becker
 G. C. Gerow
 Dr. W. Jackson
 T. G. Moody
 J. H. Turner
 Frank Campbell
 H. M. Cohen

Rev. Thos. Somerville
 Wolff Hoffman
 C. Astrico
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 J. M. Keohan
 Jos. Spratt (contributing)
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 D. H. Porter
 W. Bowden
 W. A. Robertson
 Louis Ziegler
 Jno. Dorman
 Thos. Martin
 W. Marshall
 D. F. Foo

Geo. Rudlin
 Alex. Wilson
 Jer. Madden
 P. Steele
 Joshua Davies
 John Goodacro
 John Stafford
 W. Sinclair
 C. B. Sweeney
 Wm. Scott
 W. T. Leigh
 P. Manetta
 Robt. Wood
 Thos. Esmar
 Jas. Ardell
 Jno. Clapperton

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EXPELLED FOR GROSS UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

J. W. Keyser

A. Theakston

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NANAIMO LODGE, NO. 3.

NANAIMO, VANCOUVER ISLAND.

Stated Communication, first Wednesday in each month.

William Clarke, W. M.
 James McKay Sabiston, S. W.
 George Henry Booth, J. W.
 Alexander Mayer, Treasurer
 Charles A. Alport, Sec., P. M.
 Joseph Webb, S. D.

Edward Quennell, J. D.
 Mathew A. Austin, D. of Cew.
 Tom Fred. Eaton,
 John Peter Murray, } Stewards.
 Geo. William Bell, J. G.
 Arthur Fenney, Tyler

PAST MASTERS.

M. W. Robert Burnaby, P. G. M., Hon. Member.
 W. Bro. Charles Aug. Alport, J. P. M.

MASTER MASONS.

Bros. William A. Phillips
 " Henry W. Alexander
 " John Sabiston
 " Saml. J. Cliffe,

Bro. Joseph Rodello
 " Geo. L. Bevilockway
 " Mark Bate
 " Thos. J. Ainsley

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FELLOW CRAFT.

Adam G. Home

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ENTERED APPRENTICES.

Charles N. Young

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CARIBOO LODGE, NO. 4.

BARKERVILLE, WILLIAMS CREEK.

Stated Communication, first Saturday in every month.

Joshua Spence Thompson, W. M., G. S.
 Felix Neufelder, D. M.
 William Rennie, S. M.
 John Bruce, S. W.
 Edward Pearson, J. W.
 Francois Bissonette, Treasurer
 George Byrnes, Secretary

_____, S. D.
 Charles Vaillancour, J. D.
 Giovanni Velatti, Steward
 Ambrogio Vignolo, "
 Abraham Hotbman, J. G.
 Angelo Pendola, Tyler

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PAST MASTER.

Jonathan Nutt

MASTER MASONS.

David McNaughton
 George Grant
 John Patterson
 Richard Deighton
 Joseph H. St. Laurent
 J. D. Ritchie
 Edwin John
 Robert Patterson
 Thomas Lavery
 Thomas McLardy
 J. H. Todd
 W. Fraser
 W. F. Crossley
 James Cavan McMillan

William Hosford
 Dominique Ercole
 James Reid
 Nathan Grunbaum
 Alexander McKenzie
 William Allan
 William Stephenson
 John L. Muir
 Minian F. Foster
 John G. Goodson
 David L. Ballantine
 M. Wolfe
 Isaac Oppenheimer
 D. T. Price

Geo. Duff
 J. M. Sparrow
 Evan Phillips
 Richard J. Clarridge
 John W. Stephenson
 Joseph Hunter
 James Amms
 Felix Daoust
 James H. Nicholson
 Isaac Vanvolkenburgh
 John Puetz
 Thomas Harding
 John Peterson Russell
 Samuel Augustus Rodgers

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INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.

A. C. Campbell

EXPELLED.

Thomas Hammond

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BRITISH COLUMBIA LODGE, NO. 5.

VICTORIA, VANCOUVER ISLAND.

Stated Communication, first Tuesday in every month.

John Winger, W. M.
 Henry Saunders, S. W.
 William Harrison, J. W.
 Innocent Ragazzoni, Treasurer
 John J. Austin, Secretary
 Rev. F. B. Gribbell, Chaplain
 A. C. Couves, S. D.

Thos. Nicholson, J. D.
 J. J. Austin, Organist
 George Thompson, J. G.
 Thos. Trounce, Director of Cer.
 William Evans, }
 W. J. Malen, } Stewards.
 Henry Thain, Tyler

PAST MASTERS.

Henry Nathan, Jr.

Thos. Shotbolt

MEMBERS.

James Grahamslaw
 William Gardiner
 Robert Bishop
 William Harrison
 Thos. H. Pamphlet
 Jeremiah McCarthy
 Richd. N. Alexander
 J. G. Bunte

E. A. Whittingham
 John Swanson
 John Teague
 John Pierre Fiterre
 Francis Saunders
 Stephen S. Burt
 H. G. Goward

Chas. W. Hoorth
 Colin Campbell McKenzie
 Edwd. M. Brown
 J. A. R. Olsen
 Peter Boudot
 Thos. S. Styles
 Chas. H. Trehart

CALEDONIA LODGE, NO. 6.

NANAIMO, VANCOUVER ISLAND.

Stated Communication, first Monday in each month.

John Renwick, W. M.
 Styler B. Hamilton, D. M.
 Wm. McCullough, S. W.
 John Dick, S. W.
 Alex. Fraser, J. W.
 Richd. Choak, Treas.

Peter Martin, Secretary
 David Harris, S. D.
 William Davidson, J. D.
 Henry Jerome, J. G.
 James Harris, Tyler

PAST MASTERS.

S. D. Levi

William Stewart

MEMBERS.

Archibald Mair
 Bruno Mella'o
 James Harvey

Richard George
 Francis D. Little
 James Brown

Isaac Johns
 David Frew
 Geo. Baker

F. APPRENTICE.

Richard Williams

REINSTATED.

Bro. Arch. McAllister

MOUNT HERMON LODGE, NO. 7.

HASTINGS, BURRARD INLET.

Regular Communication, Saturday previous to full moon in each month.

Coote M. Chambers, W. M.
George W. Haynes, D. M.
Sewall P. Moody, S. W.
Thos. Cooper, S. W.
George W. Cole, J. W.
Hiram Wharton, Treas.

John McDonald, Sec., P. M.
Hugh J. Weir, S. D.
Robert Millman, J. D.
George Black, J. G.
William Burdin, Tyler

PAST MASTERS.

J. C. Hughes

Coote M. Chambers

John McDonald

MASTER MASONS.

P. W. Swett
John Austin Cotterill
Ben. H. Wilson

James Van Bramer
Joseph Humphreys

ENTERED APPRENTICES.

Alexander Merrifield

QUADRA LODGE, NO. 8.

VICTORIA, VANCOUVER ISLAND.

Regular Communication, second Friday in each month

James A. Grahame, W. M., P. D. G. M.
H. B. William Aikman, S. D.
R. P. Rithet, J. W.
Eli Harrison, Sear., Treas.
H. F. Heisterman, Sec. G. S.

J. S. Drummond, S. D.
A. Astrico, J. D.
Eli Harrison, Jr., J. G.
J. G. Vinter, Tyler (not a member)

PAST MASTERS.

M. W. I. W. Powell, G. M. Hony, Member

MASTER MASONS.

George Grant
W. Fraser
Otis Parsons
F. H. Lamb
John Bruce

C. Strouss
Jno. Kriemler
R. B. McMicking
James Crump

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Lodges.....	8
“ of Members.....	295
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“ expelled.....	3
“ reinstated.....	1

EXPULSIONS.

By VANCOUVER LODGE, No. 2.—J. W. Keyser, for gross unmasonic conduct.

A. Theakstone, for embezzlement.

By CARIBOO LODGE, No. 4.—Thomas Hammond, for defrauding the Lodge and brethren out of sums of money.

INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED

By CARIBOO LODGE, No. 4.—A. C. Campbell, for defrauding the brethren and others out of large sums of money.

REINSTATEMENT.

By CALEDONIA LODGE, No. 7.—A. McAlister.

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The Grand Secretary begs to acknowledge the receipt of the proceedings of the following Grand Lodges for the years enumerated, and will feel pleased to receive the Proceedings and Constitutions of the other Sister Grand Lodges not enumerated in this list, and also the missing numbers of the Proceedings of Grand Lodges already in communication with this Grand Body.

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Nebraska	"			1871
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VICTORIA LODGE, No. 1.

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GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Victoria, B. C., 15th March, 1872.

The following letter from V. W. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of England, is published herewith, by command of the M. W. the Grand Master being received too late to be inserted in its proper place in the proceedings, for the information of the Craft generally in the Province.

A. F. Westminster
Grand Secy

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W. C.
4th January, 1872.

My Dear Sir and R. W. Brother,—I am duly in receipt of your favor of the 6th Nov. giving full particulars of the formation of the Independent Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and tendering your resignation of the office of D. G. Master, which you have so well, and creditably filled.

I have laid your letter before the M. W. Grand Master, the Marquis of Ripon, and have received his Lordship's commands to write to you, accepting your resignation, and at the same time expressing his full approval of the course you have adopted in the difficult circumstances, in which you were placed

No official report has yet been received from the officials of the new Grand Lodge, and of necessity, no action can be taken relative to its recognition, until that comes to hand.

When the application for recognition arrives, and the proper time for its consideration presents itself, your recommendation will have very considerable weight with Grand Lodge.

You are doubtless aware that the Union Lodge, No 899, New Westminster, adheres to its allegiance, and of course, so long as it continues to do so, the Grand Lodge of England will expect, as you say in your letter, that its rights will be respected.

The other Lodges, which have seceded, should return their Warrants to the Parent Grand Lodge.

In terminating our official correspondence, permit me to wish you a long continuance of health and happiness, and to express the hope that we may some day renew that friendly acquaintance, formed some years ago, under other auspices.

I have the honor to be,

My Dear Sir and R. W. Brother,

Yours truly and fraternally,

JOHN HERVEY, G. S.

ROBERT BURNABY, ESQ.,

P. D. G. M. British Columbia,

&c.,

&c.

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CONSTITUTION

AND

GENERAL REGULATIONS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE

OF

ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

OF

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ADOPTED 27TH DECEMBER, 1871.

VICTORIA, B. C.

PRINTED AT THE DAILY STANDARD OFFICE, GOVERNMENT STREET.

1872.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

In view of the many and important changes, which this Book of Constitutions will make, in the government of the Craft in British Columbia, it is desirable that the brethren generally should make themselves acquainted with its provisions.

The Master, Wardens and Members of the respective Lodges are enjoined to give special attention to those portions headed :

" Private Lodges. "

" Masters and Wardens of Lodges. "

" Members and their duty. "

" Proposing Members. "

A. F. Meisterman
Grand Secy

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Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

THIS Book of Constitution and General Regulations,
adopted 26th December, 1871, is published by authority of
the Grand Lodge.

A. F. Westminster
Grand Secy

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Victoria, B. C., February, 1872.

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THE
CHARGES OF A FREEMASON:

EXTRACTED

FROM THE ANTIEN RECORDS OF LODGES THROUGHOUT
THE WORLD,

FOR THE USE OF LODGES.

TO BE READ AT THE MAKING OF NEW BRETHREN, OR WHEN THE
MASTER SHALL ORDER IT.

PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE GRAND LODGE.

THE GENERAL HEADS OF THE CHARGES OF A FREEMASON, &c.

- I. Of God and Religion.
- II. Of the Civil Magistrate, supreme and subordinate.
- III. Of Lodges.
- IV. Of Masters, Wardens, Fellows and Apprentices.
- V. Of the Management of the Craft in Working.
- VI. Of Behaviour, viz. :
 1. In the lodge while constituted.
 2. After the lodge is over and the Brethren not gone.
 3. When brethren meet without strangers, but not in a lodge formed.
 4. In presence of strangers, not masons.
 5. At home and in your neighborhood.
 6. Towards a strange brother.
- VII. Antient Charges—To the Master-Elect.

The Charges of a Freemason, &c.

I.—CONCERNING GOD AND RELIGION.

A Mason is obliged, by his tenure, to obey the moral law; and if he rightly understand the art, he will never be a stupid atheist nor an irreligious libertine. He, of all men, should best understand that God seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh at the outward appearance, but God looketh to the heart. A mason is, therefore, particularly bound never to act against the dictates of his conscience. Let a man's religion, or mode of worship, be what it may, he is not excluded from the order, provided he believe in the glorious architect of heaven and earth, and practice the sacred duties of morality. Masons unite with the virtuous of every persuasion in the firm and pleasing bond of fraternal love; they are taught to view the errors of mankind with compassion, and to strive, by the purity of their own conduct, to demonstrate the superior excellence of the faith they may profess. Thus masonry is the centre of union between good men and true, and the happy means of conciliating friendship amongst those who must otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.

II.—OF THE CIVIL MAGISTRATE, SUPREME, AND SUBORDINATE.

A mason is a peaceful subject to the civil powers wherever he resides or works, and is never to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against the peace and welfare of the nation, nor to behave himself undutifully to inferior magistrates. He is cheerfully to conform to every lawful authority; to uphold on every occasion, the interests of the community; and zealously promote the prosperity of his own country. Masonry has ever flourished in times of peace and been always injured by war, bloodshed and confusion; so that kings and princes, in every age have been much disposed to

encourage the craftsmen on account of their peaceableness and loyalty, whereby they practically answer the cavils of their adversaries and promote the honor of the fraternity. Craftsmen are bound by peculiar ties to promote peace, cultivate harmony, and live in concord and brotherly love.

III.—OF LODGES.

A lodge is a place where freemasons assemble to work and to instruct and improve themselves in the mysteries of their antient science. In an extended sense it applies to persons as well as to place; hence every regular assembly, or duly organized meeting of masons, is called a lodge. Every brother ought to belong to some lodge and be subject to its by-laws and the general regulation of the craft. A lodge may be either general or particular, as will be best understood by attending it, and there a knowledge of the established usages and customs of the craft is alone to be acquired. From antient times no master or fellow could be absent from his lodge, especially when warned to appear at it, without incurring a severe censure, unless it appeared to the master and wardens that pure necessity hindered him.

The persons made masons or admitted members of a lodge must be good and true men, free born, and of mature and discreet age and sound judgement, no bondmen, no women, no immoral or scandalous men, but of good report.

IV.—OF MASTERS, WARDENS, FELLOWS AND APPRENTICES.

All preferment among masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only, that so the lords may be well served, the brethren not put to shame, nor the royal craft despised; therefore no master or warden is chosen by seniority, but for his merit. It is impossible to describe these things in writing, and therefore every brother must attend in his place, and learn them in a way peculiar to this fraternity. Candidates may, nevertheless, know that no master should take an apprentice, unless he has sufficient employment for him; and, unless he be a *perfect youth*, *having no maim or defect in his body*, that may render him

incapable of learning the art, of serving his master's lord, and of being made a brother, and then a fellow-craft in due time, after he has served such a term of years as the custom of the country directs; and that he should be descended of honest parents, that so, when otherwise qualified, he may arrive to the honor of being the warden and then the master of the lodge, the grand warden, and at length the grand master of all the lodges, according to his merit.

No brother can be a warden until he has passed the part of a fellow-craft, nor a master until he has acted as a warden, nor grand warden until he has been master of a lodge, nor grand-master until he has been a fellow-craft before his election, who is also to be nobly born, or a gentleman of the best fashion, or some eminent scholar, or some curious architect, or other artist descended of honest parents, and who is of singularly great merit in the opinion of the lodges.

These rulers and governors, supreme and subordinate, of the antient lodge, are to be obeyed in their respective stations by all the brethren, according to the old charges and regulations, with all humility, reverence, love and alacrity.

N. B.—In antient times no brother, however skilled in the craft, was called a master-mason until he had been elected into the chair of a lodge.

V.—OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CRAFT IN WORKING.

All masons shall work honestly on working days that they may live creditably on holy days; and the time appointed by the law of the land, or confirmed by custom, shall be observed.

The most expert of the fellow-craftsmen shall be chosen or appointed the master, or overseer of the lord's work; who is to be called master by those who work under him. The craftsmen are to avoid all ill language, and to call each other by no disoblighing name, but brother or fellow; and to behave themselves courteously within and without the lodge.

The Master, knowing himself to be able of cunning, shall undertake the lord's work as reasonably as possible, and

truly dispend his goods as if they were his own ; nor to give more wages to any brother or apprentice than he may really deserve.

Both the master and the masons receiving their wages justly, shall be faithful to the lord, and honestly finish their work, whether task or journey ; nor put the work to task that hath been accustomed to journey.

None shall discover envy at the prosperity of a brother, nor supplant him, or put him out of his work, if he be capable to finish the same ; for no man can finish another's work so much to the lord's profit, unless he be thoroughly acquainted with the designs and draughts of him that began it.

When a fellow-craftsman is chosen warden of the work under the master, he shall be true both to master and fellows, shall carefully oversee the work in the master's absence, to the lord's profit ; and his brethren shall obey him.

All masons employed shall meekly receive their wages without murmuring or mutiny, and not desert the master till the work be finished.

A younger brother shall be instructed in working to prevent spoiling the materials for want of judgment and for increasing and continuing of brotherly love.

All the tools used in working shall be approved by the grand lodge.

No laborer shall be employed in the proper work of masonry ; nor shall freemasons work with those that are not free, without an urgent necessity ; nor shall they teach laborers and unaccepted masons, as they should teach a brother or fellow.

VI.—OF BEHAVIOUR, VIZ. :

1.—IN THE LODGE WHILE CONSTITUTED.

You are not to hold private committees, or separate conversation, without leave from the master, nor to talk of anything impertinently or unseemly, nor interrupt the master or wardens, or any brother speaking to the master : nor behave yourself ludicrously or jestingly while the lodge is engaged in what is serious and solemn ; nor use any un-

becoming language upon any pretence whatsoever; but to pay due reverence to your master, wardens and fellows, and put them to worship.

If any complaint be brought, the brother found guilty shall stand to the award and determination of the lodge, who are the proper and competent judges of all such controversies, (unless you carry them by appeal to the grand lodge,) and to whom they ought to be referred, unless a lord's work be hindered the meanwhile, in which case a particular reference may be made; but you must never go to law about what concerneth masonry, without an absolute necessity apparent to the lodge.

2.—BEHAVIOUR AFTER THE LODGE IS OVER AND THE BRETHREN NOT GONE.

You may enjoy yourselves with, innocent mirth, treating one another according to ability, but avoiding all excess, or forcing any brother to eat or drink beyond his inclination, or hindering him from going when his occasions call him, or doing or saying any thing offensive, or that may forbid an easy and free conversation; for that would blast our harmony, and defeat our laudable purposes. Therefore no private piques or quarrels must be brought within the door of the lodge, far less any quarrels about religion, or nations, or state policy, we being only, as masons, of the universal religion above-mentioned; we are also of all nations, tongues, kindreds, and languages, and are resolved against all politics, as what never yet conduced to the welfare of the lodge, nor ever will.

3.—BEHAVIOUR WHEN BRETHREN MEET WITHOUT STRANGERS, BUT NOT IN A LODGE FORMED.

You are to salute one another in a courteous manner, as you will be instructed, calling each other brother, freely giving mutual instruction as shall be thought expedient, without being overseen or overheard, and without encroaching upon each other, or derogating from that respect which is due to any brother, were he not a mason: for though all masons are as brethren upon the same level, yet masonry takes no honor from a man that he had before; nay, rather it adds to his honor, especially if he has deserved well of the brotherhood, who must give honor to whom it is due, and avoid ill manners.

4.—BEHAVIOUR IN PRESENCE OF STRANGERS, NOT MASONS.

You should be cautious in your words and carriage, that the most penetrating stranger shall not be able to discover or find out what is not proper to be intimated; and sometimes you shall divert a discourse, and manage it prudently for the honor of the worshipful fraternity.

5.—BEHAVIOUR AT HOME AND IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

You are to act as becomes a moral and wise man ; particularly not to let your family, friends, and neighbors know the concerns of the lodge, &c. ; but wisely to consult your own honor, and that of your antient brotherhood, for reasons not to be mentioned here. You must also consult your health by not continuing together too late or too long from home after lodge hours are past ; and by avoiding of gluttony or drunkenness, that your families be not neglected or injured, nor you disabled from working.

6.—BEHAVIOUR TOWARDS A STRANGE BROTHER

You are cautiously to examine him in such a method as prudence shall direct you, that you may not be imposed upon by an ignorant, false pretender, whom you are to reject with contempt and derision, and beware of giving him any hints of knowledge.

But if you discover him to be a true and genuine brother, you are to respect him accordingly ; and if he is in want you must relieve him if you can, or else direct him how he may be relieved. You must employ him some days or else recommend him to be employed. But you are not charged to do beyond your ability ; only to prefer a poor brother that is a good man and true, before any other people in the same circumstances.

Finally,—All these charges you are to observe, and also those that shall be communicated to you in another way ; cultivating brotherly love the foundation and cape stone, the cement and glory of this antient fraternity ; avoiding all wrangling and quarrelling, all slander and backbiting, nor permitting others to slander any honest brother, but defending his character and doing him all good offices, as far as is consistent with your honor and safety, and no farther. And

if any of them do you injury, you must apply to your own or his lodge; and from thence you may appeal to the grand lodge, at the annual communication, as has been the antient laudable conduct of our forefathers in every nation; never taking a legal course but when the case cannot be otherwise decided, and patiently listening to the honest and friendly advice of master and fellows, when they would prevent your going to law with strangers, or would excite you to put a speedy period to all lawsuits, that so you may find the affair of masonry with the more alacrity and success; but with respect to brothers or fellows at law, the master and brethren should kindly offer their mediation, which ought to be thankfully submitted to by the contending brethren; and if that submission is impracticable, they must, however, carry on their process, or law-suit, without wrath and rancour, (not in the common way) saying or doing nothing which may hinder brotherly love and good offices to be renewed and continued, that all may see the benign influence of masonry, as all true masons have done from the beginning of the world, and will do to the end of time.

AMEN, *so mote it be.*

Summary of the ANTIEN CHARGES AND REGULATIONS to be read by the Grand Secretary, (or acting Secretary,) to the MASTER-ELECT, prior to his Installation into the Chair of the Lodge.

1. You agree to be a good man and true, and strictly to obey the moral law.

2. You are to be a peaceable subject, and cheerfully to conform to the laws of the country in which you reside.

3. You promise not to be concerned in plots or conspiracies against government, but patiently to submit to the decisions of the supreme legislature.

4. You agree to pay a proper respect to the civil magistrate, to work diligently, live creditably, and act honorably by all men.

5. You agree to hold in veneration the original rulers and patrons of the order of freemasonry, and their regular successors, supreme and subordinate, according to their stations; and to submit to the awards and resolutions of your brethren in general lodge convened, in every case consistent with the constitutions of the order.

6. You agree to avoid private piques and quarrels, and to guard against intemperance and excess.

7. You agree to be cautious in your carriage and behaviour, courteous to your brethren, and faithful to your lodge.

8. You promise to respect genuine and true brethren and to discountenance impostors and all dissenters from the original plan of freemasonry.

9. You agree to promote the general good of society, to cultivate the social virtues, and to propagate the knowledge

of the mystic art, as far as your influence and ability can extend.

10. You promise to pay homage to the grand master for the time being, and to his officers when duly installed, and strictly to conform to every edict of the grand lodge.

11. You admit that it is not in the power of any man, or body of men, to make innovation in the body of masonry.

12. You promise a regular attendance on the communication and committees of the grand lodge upon receiving proper notice thereof; and to pay attention to all the duties of freemasonry, upon proper and convenient occasions.

13. You admit that no new lodge can be formed without permission of the grand master and that no countenance ought to be given to any irregular lodge, or to any person initiated therein; and no public processions of masons clothed with the badges of the order can take place without the special license of the grand master.

14. You admit that no person can regularly be made a freemason, or admitted a member of any lodge, without previous notice and due inquiry into his character; and that no brother can be advanced to a higher degree except in strict conformity with the laws of the grand lodge.

15. You promise that no visitor shall be received into your lodge without due examination, and producing proper vouchers of his having been initiated in a regular lodge.

At the conclusion, the grand master or installing officer shall address the master-elect, as follows:—"Do you submit to and promise to support these charges and regulations as masters have done in all ages." Upon his answering in the affirmative the ceremony of installation shall proceed.

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CONSTITUTION
AND
GENERAL REGULATIONS
OF
THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE
OF
ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ADOPTED 27TH DECEMBER, 1871.

TITLE.

The style and title of the Grand Lodge shall be "The M.:W.: Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia."

HOW CONSTITUTED.

1. The Grand Lodge shall consist of the elective and appointed officers (excepting the Grand Tyler), with all Past Grand Officers, except Past Grand Tylers, continuing to subscribe to a lodge, the Masters and Wardens of all private lodges (duly returned), and all Past Masters (duly returned), being members of a private lodge; provided that no brother shall rank as a Past Grand Officer, unless at the time of holding office in Grand Lodge, he was either a Master or Past Master of some lodge.

2. Should neither the Worshipful Master, nor the Wardens of the lodge attend any communication of Grand Lodge, such lodge by its vote, properly certified by the Worshipful Master and Secretary, and under seal, may delegate any Master ~~or Past Master, entitled to a seat in~~ Grand Lodge, to represent their lodge, but no proxy shall be valid unless the name of the brother so delegated shall

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have been written in the proxy, previous to its being signed by the Worshipful Master and Secretary of the lodge; and no brother can represent by proxy more than one lodge. A duplicate of such written proxy shall be delivered to the Grand Secretary before the communication of the Grand Lodge.

OF OFFICERS.

1. The officers of the Grand Lodge shall be respectively elected or appointed as hereinafter provided, and hold their offices for one year, or until their successors shall have been regularly elected or appointed and installed.

2. The Grand Master or Presiding Officer, at the annual communication, shall appoint three scrutineers, whose duty it shall be to collect the ballots for Grand Officers, from the brethren to whom they have been delivered. The scrutineers shall solemnly pledge themselves to make a correct report under their hands of the result of the ballot, and having ascertained the number of votes for the respective candidates, they shall present their reports to Grand Lodge.

3. The election and appointment of all ~~other~~ officers of Grand Lodge, shall take place at the annual communication, when those present shall be duly installed or invested in ancient form.

4. The officers of the Grand Lodge shall consist of

The Most Worshipful Grand Master,		
" Right	"	Deputy Grand Master,
" "	"	Senior Grand Warden,
" "	"	Junior Grand Warden,
" Very	"	Grand Chaplain,
" "	"	Grand Treasurer,
" "	"	Grand Secretary,
	"	Grand Deacons,
	"	Grand Superintendent of Works
	"	Grand Director of Ceremonies,
	"	Grand Marshall,
	"	Grand Swordbearer,
	"	Grand Standardbearer,
	"	Grand Organist,
	"	Grand Pursuivant,
		Grand Stewards of the Year,
		Grand Tyler.

The following officers of the Grand Lodge shall be *elected* by written ballot:—

The Most Worshipful Grand Master,		
" Right	"	Deputy Grand Master,
" "	"	Senior Grand Warden,
" "	"	Junior Grand Warden,
" Very	"	Grand Chaplain,
" "	"	Grand Treasurer,
		Grand Tyler.

6. The following officers shall be *appointed* by the Grand Master, viz.:—

Very Worshipful Grand Secretary,		
Worshipful	"	Deacons,
"	"	Superintendent of Works,
"	"	Director of Ceremonies,
"	"	Marshall,
"	"	Swordbearer
"	"	Standardbearer,
"	"	Organist,
"	"	Pursuivant,
"	"	Stewards,

7. The rank of officers and members of the Grand Lodge shall be as follows:—

The Grand Master,		
Past Grand Masters according to seniority,		
Deputy Grand Master,		
Past	" "	Masters,
Senior Grand Warden,		
Past	" "	Wardens,
Junior Grand Warden,		
Past	" "	Wardens,
Grand Chaplain,		
Past	"	Chaplains,
Grand Treasurer,		
Past	"	Treasurers,
Grand Secretary,		
Past	"	Secretaries,
Senior Grand Deacon,		
Past	"	Deacons,
Junior Grand Deacon,		
Past Junior	"	Deacons,
Grand Superintendant of Works,		
Past	"	Superintendants of Works,
Grand Director of Ceremonies,		

Past Grand Directors of Ceremonies,
Grand Marshall,
Past " Marshalls,
Grand Swordbearer,
Past " Swordbearers,
Grand Standardbearer,
Past " Standardbearers,
Grand Organist,
Past " Organists,
Grand Pursuivant,
Past " Pursuivants,
Grand Stewards of the Year,

And the Masters, Past Masters, and present Wardens of private lodges, in the order of the number of their respective lodge warrants.

8. The elective officers respectively are to be chosen by written ballot, by a majority of all the votes present.

9. No brother shall be eligible to any elective office in the Grand Lodge (except the office of Grand Chaplain, Grand Organist, or Grand Tyler,) unless he shall have been regularly installed Worshipful Master of a private lodge.

10. Should any vacancy occur in any office of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master shall appoint a qualified brother to supply the place, *pro tempore*.

11. Brethren of eminence and ability, who have rendered service to the Craft, may, by a vote of the Grand Lodge duly confirmed, be constituted members of the Grand Lodge, with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper.

12. No member of the Grand Lodge shall attend therein without his proper jewel, nor shall he be allowed to wear any jewel not recognized by the Grand Lodge.

13. Should any lodge have neglected to make its returns and payments to the Grand Lodge, previous to the annual communication, the Master, Wardens, or other representatives of such lodge, shall not be permitted to attend such annual or any subsequent meeting of the Grand Lodge, until such returns and payments shall have been completed.

14. No brother shall be permitted to attend the Grand Lodge as Master, Past Master, or Warden, until his name

and appointment shall have been duly returned and transmitted to the Grand Secretary's office.

X 15. The annual communication of the Grand Lodges shall be holden at the city of Victoria on the first Saturday in December, in each year. None but members of the Grand Lodge shall be present at the communications without permission of the Grand Master or Presiding Officer.

16. The Grand Master, or in his absence from the Province, or inability to attend, the Deputy Grand Master, or like absence, the Grand Wardens may summon and hold a Grand Lodge of emergency, at such time and place as in his or their opinion, the good of the Craft shall require; and the particular reason for convening such lodge of emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at the meeting.

17. If at any Grand Lodge, annual or emergent, the Grand Master be absent, the Lodge shall be ruled by the officer next in rank and seniority who may be present; and if no elective Grand Officer be present, by the Master of the senior lodge. And the powers of any *pro tempore* presiding officer, shall be the same as those properly belonging to the office so filled by him. The Grand Lodge is declared to be open in *ample form* when the Grand Master is present; in *due form* when a Past Grand Master or the Deputy presides; at all other times only *in form*, yet with the same authority.

18. By the ancient constitutions and usages of freemasonry, the Grand Lodge, as the supreme masonic authority in this Province, is invested with certain original, essential, and unalterable powers and privileges. Among these is the power of enacting laws and regulations for the government of the Craft, and of altering, repealing, and abrogating them, always taking care to preserve the ancient landmarks. The Grand Lodge has also the inherent power of investigating, regulating and deciding, all matters relative to the Craft, or to particular lodges, or to individual brothers, which it may exercise by itself, or by delegated authority, and the exclusive power of erasing lodges and

~~expelling members~~; of establishing and preserving a uniform system of work and lecture; of issuing warrants for new lodges, and of suspending or revoking the same.

19. All differences or complaints that cannot be accommodated privately, or in some regular lodge shall be delivered in writing to the Grand Secretary, who shall lay them before the Grand Master, or Committee appointed by Grand Lodge. When all the parties shall have been summoned to attend thereon, and the case shall have been investigated, such order and adjudication may be made as shall be authorized by the laws and regulations of masonry.

REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GRAND LODGE DURING THE TIME OF BUSINESS.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening the Grand Lodge.

Reading and confirmation of minutes.

Communications from the Grand and Deputy Grand Master.

Reports from the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

Reports from the Board of General Purposes, Committees, etc.

Reading and disposing of letters, bills, etc.

Money grants.

Deferred business.

Election and installation of officers.

New business.

Closing the Grand Lodge.

2. All matters are to be decided by a majority of votes, each lodge having three votes, each Past Master one vote, each officer of Grand Lodge, except the Grand Tyler, not otherwise entitled to vote, shall have one vote by virtue of his office, and the Grand Master a casting vote in case of an equal division; unless the lodge, for the sake of expedition, think proper to leave any particular subject to the determi-

nation of the Grand Master. Where any subject can be satisfactorily settled by an open vote, the votes of the members are always to be signified by each holding up his right hand, which uplifted hands the Grand Wardens or Grand Deacons are to count, unless the number should be so unequal as to render counting unnecessary.

3. All members shall keep their seats, except the Grand Deacons, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Marshall, and the Grand Stewards, who are allowed to move about from place to place, in the discharge of their duties.

4. No brother shall speak more than once to the same question, unless in explanation, or the mover in reply, without permission from the chair.

5. Everyone who speaks shall rise, and remain standing, addressing himself to the Grand Master; nor shall any brother presume to interrupt him, unless to address the Grand Master to order, or the Grand Master shall think fit to call him to order; but after he has been set right, he may proceed if he observe due order and decorum.

X 6. No notice shall be entertained for altering or amending the laws, rules or regulations of the Grand Lodge, or for adding a new rule, regulation, or law, without notice in writing stating in full the amendment or addition proposed, having been given to the Grand Secretary at least one month before the time appointed for holding the communication at which it is to be submitted to the Grand Lodge; and no alteration or addition shall be made unless by consent of a majority of the brethren present.

7. All resolutions shall be submitted in writing, if the presiding officer or any brother desire it.

8. It shall be competent for a member of the Grand Lodge to move a motion, or an amendment to an amendment—but an amendment to amend an amendment shall not be entertained.

OF THE GRAND MASTER.

1. The Grand Master and the elective Grand Officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual communication.

2. The Grand Master shall be installed and invested

immediately after his election and according to ancient usage. He shall then appoint such grand officers as come within his prerogative to appoint, who together with the grand officers elect, shall, if present, be thereupon installed or invested in ancient form.

3. In the the temporary absence of the Grand Master from the Province, notified by him to the Grand Secretary, the Deputy Grand Master shall possess all the powers of the Grand Master; and should the Grand Master die during his term of office, or be rendered incapable of discharging the duties thereof, by sickness, permanent absence from the Province, or otherwise, the Deputy Grand Master shall forthwith assume the functions of Grand Master until the next annual election; and should the Deputy Grand Master die previous to such election, the Grand Wardens shall immediately summon a Grand Lodge to elect a Grand Master.

4. If the Grand Lodge shall resolve to be represented in a Sister Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, under sanction of the Grand Lodge, may by warrant appoint any brother of eminence and skill to represent such Grand Lodge in a Sister Grand Lodge. He may also with the concurrence of the Grand Lodge, constitute any distinguished brother, who may be regularly deputed from a Sister Grand Lodge, a member of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, with such rank as the Grand Lodge may deem to be appropriate.

5. The Grand Master has full authority to preside in any lodge, and to order any of his grand officers to attend him. His deputy is to be placed on his right, and the master of the lodge on his left hand. His Wardens are, also, to act as Wardens of that particular lodge during his presence; but if the Grand Wardens be not present, then the Grand Master may command the Wardens of the lodge, or any master masons to act as his Wardens, *pro tempore*.

6. The Grand Master may send his grand officers to visit any lodge he may think proper.

7. The Grand Master may summon any lodge or brother to attend him, and to produce the warrants, books, papers

and accounts of such lodge, or the certificate of such brother. If the summons be not complied with, nor a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, such summons is to be repeated as a peremptory summons; if such last summons be not attended to, such lodge or brother may be suspended, and the proceeding notified to the Grand Lodge.

8. The Grand Master shall not be applied to officially on any business concerning masons or masonry, but through the Grand Secretary.

OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

1. This officer is to be elected at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge. If present, he shall be immediately installed according to ancient usage. In the absence of the Grand Master, as hereinafter provided, the Deputy possesses all his powers and privileges.

2. The Deputy Grand Master has full authority to preside in any lodge with the Master of the lodge on his right hand. The Grand Wardens, if present, are to act as Wardens of that lodge, during his presence.

OF GRAND WARDENS.

1. The Grand Wardens shall be elected and invested at the annual communication.

2. When the actual Grand Wardens are in Grand Lodge, no others can supply their places, but in their absence the senior Past Grand Wardens present shall act *pro tempore*. If no Past Grand Wardens be present the Grand Master may direct any other member of Grand Lodge to act as Grand Warden for that occasion.

3. The Grand Wardens, whenever commanded, are to attend the Grand Master, and while he presides in any particular lodge, are to act there as his Wardens.

OF GRAND CHAPLAIN.

The Grand Chaplain shall be elected and invested at the annual communication, and shall attend all communications and other meetings of the Grand Lodge, and there offer up

solemn prayer suitable to the occasion, established by the usages of the fraternity.

OF GRAND TREASURER.

1. The Grand Treasurer shall be elected and invested at the annual communication.

2. The Grand Treasurer shall give a joint bond, with two sureties, to the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, in such penalty and with such conditions as may be deemed expedient, for the due performance of his trust.

In any case, varying to Grand Lodge
 3. To the Grand Treasurer shall be committed all monies raised for the general charity, or ~~for any other use of the~~ ~~fraternity~~, of which he shall keep an account in a book, specifying the respective uses for which the several sums are intended; and shall disburse the same in such manner as the Grand Lodge or other proper authority shall direct, and produce his accounts of receipts and disbursements before every regular communication, or when called for by the board of general purposes; and these accounts shall be ~~annually~~ audited by the said board, who shall make their report thereon at the annual communication in December.

OF GRAND SECRETARY.

1. The Grand Secretary shall be appointed and invested at the annual communication.

2. The Grand Secretary shall sign and certify all instruments from the Grand Lodge, under seal or otherwise; issue summonses for all meetings of the Grand Lodge, Board of General Purposes, and of any Committee of which he shall be directed by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge, and to attend and take minutes of their proceedings; to receive the returns from the several lodges, and enter them in the books of the Grand Lodge, and duly report the same at each annual communication of the Grand Lodge; to transmit to all lodges the proceedings of every communication or other meeting of Grand Lodge, and all such other papers and documents as may be ordered, either by the Grand Master, the Grand Lodge, or Board of General Purposes; to notify all lodges annually, of all expelled, restored, suspended or

excluded members for the year; to furnish the Board of General Purposes or other constituted authority, all proper documents and information that they may require; to receive all petitions, memorials, etc., and lay them before the Grand Master, or other proper authority; to attend the Grand Master or Board of General Purposes, and to take to him or them any books or papers he or they may direct; to conduct the correspondence of the Grand Lodge; to receive, credit and record all monies of the Grand Lodge, and pay over the same without delay to the Grand Treasurer; to take the custody of the Grand Lodge seal, and affix it to all warrants, certificates, and other proper papers, by order of the Grand Master, and annually report the amount received, and generally to do all such things as heretofore have been or should be done, by a Grand Secretary.

3. The Grand Secretary shall also submit at each annual communication, a general report on the state of the Craft under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge; with as full and particular account as possible, of the membership, funds, properties, annual work and efficiency of each lodge in the Province.

OF GRAND DEACONS.

The Grand Deacons shall be appointed and installed at the annual communication. If they are absent at any communication, the Grand Master or Presiding Officer may appoint any members of Grand Lodge to officiate *pro tempore*.

OF GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES, GRAND MARSHALL, GRAND SWORDBEARER,
GRAND ORGANIST, GRAND PURSUIVANT, GRAND STEWARDS, GRAND
STANDBEARER, AND GRAND TYLER.

1. The Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Marshall, Grand Swordbearer, Organist and Pursuivant, Stewards and Standbearer, are to be appointed annually by the Grand Master, on the day of his installation. They are to attend all communications and other meetings of the Grand Lodge.

2. The *Grand Director* of Ceremonies and *Grand Marshall*, in addition to their other duties, have the care, during the session of Grand Lodge, of the regalia, clothing, insignia, and jewels belonging to the Grand Lodge.

3. The *Grand Porter* shall preserve order in the porch at every meeting of the Grand Lodge, and with the assistance of the brethren nominated for attendance there, see that none except those who are qualified, and who have their proper clothing and jewels and have signed their names to the accustomed papers and are, in all respects, entitled to admission, be admitted.

4. The Grand Master may appoint not more than six *Grand Stewards* for the regulation of grand festivals under the direction of the Grand Master. They shall also assist in conducting the arrangements made for the communications and other meetings of the Grand Lodge.

5. A *Grand Sentinel* shall be appointed by the Grand Master at the annual communication. He must be a Master Mason and shall carry the standard of the Grand Lodge.

6. The *Grand Organist* shall be a Master Mason, and be appointed, and invested at the annual communication, and shall conduct the musical ceremonies of the lodge, under the direction of the Grand Master or Presiding Officer.

7. The *Grand Tyler* is to attend all meetings of the Grand Lodge, assist in the arrangements, and see that none be admitted but those properly entitled.

8. If any Grand Tyler shall officiate, or attend at any meeting or pretended lodge of masons not being regularly constituted or not acknowledging the authority of the Grand Master, or not conforming to the laws of the Grand Lodge, he shall thereby be rendered incapable of ever after being a Tyler or attendant on a lodge, and be excluded the benefit of the general charity.

OF INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Officers of the Grand Lodge shall be installed and invested in person, and no installation or investiture of an officer by proxy shall be permitted.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

1. The Board shall consist of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, (who shall be *ex officio* President), the Grand Wardens, Grand Secretary, and six other members, to be elected

at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, provided always that not more than two members are elected from any one lodge.

2. The Board shall elect one of its members to be Vice-President. Should the President and Vice-President be absent from any meeting of the Board, the members shall elect a chairman, *pro tempore*. The Presiding Officer shall have a casting vote, in case of a tie, in addition to his vote as a member.

3. Should any vacancy occur among the members of the Board by death or otherwise, the Grand Master shall immediately appoint a qualified brother to fill the vacancy; and the Grand Secretary shall inform the Board at its next meeting of the brother so appointed.

4. The Grand Secretary is to act as Secretary of the Board, and keep a full record of its proceedings and transactions.

5. Five members of the Board shall make a quorum for the transaction of any business.

The Board has full power to regulate its own time and place of meeting.

7. It has also authority to hear and determine all subjects of masonic complaint or irregularity respecting lodges or individual masons, when regularly brought before it. It may proceed to admonition, fine or suspension, subject to the approval of the Grand Master and on appeal to the Grand Lodge. Should an appeal be made, no time must be given in writing to the Grand Secretary within one month after the decision of the Board. The Board cannot expel a member or erase a lodge, but it may, if it deem such extreme punishment advisable, recommend the same to Grand Lodge.

8. The Board may summon any lodge or brother to attend it, and to produce the warrant, books, papers and accounts of the lodge, or the certificate of the brother. If such lodge or brother do not comply, or give sufficient reasons for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued; and in case of contumacy, the lodge or brother shall be suspended, and the proceedings referred to the Grand Lodge.

9. In case of any charge affecting a member of the Board, or a lodge to which he belongs, such member shall withdraw whilst the Board considers the decision.

10. The Board shall always have access to any of the papers, books or documents of the Grand Lodge. It shall examine all accounts presented to the Grand Lodge, and, if found correct, recommend their payment. It may, also, order the payment by the Grand Treasurer, of any petty expenses of the Grand Secretary's office, or any other office, in connection with the Grand Lodge, but the aggregate of the sum which it can order to be paid in any one year, must not exceed one hundred dollars.

11. The Board may recommend to the Grand Lodge for its adoption, whatever measures it shall deem advantageous or necessary to the welfare and good government of the Craft.

12. The Board shall be a general committee, to which shall be submitted all matters referred by Grand Lodge to a committee, except in cases where a special committee is appointed. It is to assist and advise with the Grand Master, in reference to the good government of the Craft, it may appoint sub-committees of its own body for foreign correspondence, or for specified purposes, but such committees must always report to the Board.

13. The Board shall, previous to the annual meeting of Grand Lodge, appoint three Masters of lodges, as a committee of credentials, who shall attend within the porch of the Grand Lodge, for the purpose of guarding, with the assistance of the Grand Pursuivant, against the admission of any but those who are qualified, have their proper clothing and jewels, have signed their names to the accustomed papers, and are in all respects entitled to admission.

PRIVATE LODGES.

1. The officers of a lodge are the Master and his two Wardens, a Treasurer, a Secretary, two Deacons, two Stewards, Inner Guard, and Tyler, and such other officers as the lodge shall see fit to appoint or elect, who shall hold office until their successors shall have been elected or appointed and installed.

2. Every lodge shall, annually, elect its Master, two Wardens, Treasurer and Tyler, by written ballot. At the next regular meeting following his election, after the

minutes shall have been read and approved, the Master and other elective officers shall be installed according to ancient usage; the Master shall then appoint the other officers and instal them into office.

3. Officers shall be installed in person, and no installation of an officer by proxy shall be permitted. If the officer elect or appointed is not present, he shall be installed at the first regular communication of the lodge at which he is present; and if any officer shall neglect or refuse to attend for installation, for two regular communications after his election or appointment, the lodge may, by a majority vote, declare his election or appointment void and revoked, and another shall be elected or appointed in his stead, who shall be installed into office in due form.

4. Every lodge has the power of framing by laws for its own government, provided they are not contrary to or inconsistent with the general regulation of the Grand Lodge. Two copies of the by-laws must be submitted to the Grand Secretary, for the approbation of the Grand Master; and, when any alteration shall be made, such alteration must in like manner be submitted; and no law or alteration shall be valid until so submitted and approved.

5. The by-laws of the lodge shall be delivered to the Master on the day of his installation, when he shall solemnly pledge himself to observe and enforce them during his mastership. Every brother shall also sign them when he becomes a member of the lodge, as a declaration of his submission to them; and every member shall at all reasonable times, have access to such by-laws, which should be printed for the use of the lodge and delivered to the members.

6. The master of every lodge is to cause the ancient charges, the regulations of the Grand Lodge relating to private lodges, and the by-laws of his lodge, to be read in open lodge whenever he may deem it expedient.

7. The Master is responsible, that a book, or books, be kept in which the Secretary shall enter the names of the members of the lodge, and of all persons initiated or admitted therein, with the dates of their proposal, admission or

initiation, passing and raising: and also their ages as nearly as possible, at that time, and their titles, professions or trades, together with such transactions of the lodge as are proper to be written.

8. The place and regular days of meeting of the lodge shall be specified in the by-laws, and no meeting of the lodge shall be held elsewhere, except a removal be decided upon in conformity with the laws and with the consent of the Grand Master.

9. Every lodge, when removed to a new place of meeting, or whenever the day of assembling shall be altered, shall immediately send notice thereof to the Grand Secretary. The officers of a removed lodge shall not be permitted to attend the Grand Lodge until the removal be properly notified.

10. A lodge of emergency may, at any time, be called, by the authority of the Master, or in his absence, of the Senior Warden, or in their absence, of the Junior Warden, but on no pretence without such authority. The business to be transacted at such lodge of emergency shall be expressed in the summons, recorded on the minutes, and no other business shall be entered upon.

11. Every lodge shall keep a book, in which all visitors attending shall, at each meeting, sign their names before entering the lodge, with their residence and the name of their mother lodge, or the lodge from which they hail.

12. The precedence of lodges shall be determined by the number of their warrant of constitution, as recorded in the books of the Grand Lodge. No lodge shall be acknowledged, nor any of its officers admitted into the Grand Lodge, nor any of its members entitled to participate in the general charity or other masonic privilege, unless it has been regularly constituted and registered.

13. No lodge shall, on any pretence, receive more than five new brothers in one degree, without dispensation, in which case the number of persons shall be set out in the dispensation; nor until they have been petitioned for and approved; nor can a rejected applicant for initiation in the

Province, be balloted for in the same or any other lodge within six months from the time of such rejection; every lodge rejecting a candidate shall, forthwith, notify every lodge in the Province of such rejection; nor shall a higher degree in masonry be conferred on any brother at a less interval than two weeks from his receiving a previous degree, except by dispensation from the Grand Master, nor in any case until he has passed a satisfactory examination in open lodge in such previous degree.

14. No lodge in the Province of British Columbia shall make a mason for a less consideration than Fifty Dollars. The member who proposes any candidate must be responsible to the lodge, for all fees payable on account of his initiation. This is not to extend to the making of serving brethren, who may be initiated, provided that no fee or reward in such case be taken, and that a dispensation from the Grand Master be first obtained.

15. The Master shall see that all monies received or paid on account of the lodge, are entered in proper books by the Secretary and Treasurer. The accounts of the lodge shall be audited at least once in every year, by a committee appointed by the lodge.

16. Each lodge shall procure for every brother initiated therein a Grand Lodge certificate, to be paid for by the lodge.

17. No lodge or officer, or member of a lodge, shall, under any circumstances, give a certificate or recommendation, to enable a mason to proceed from lodge to lodge as a pauper, or in an itinerant manner to apply to lodges for relief.

No lodge shall form any public masonic procession or attend any public or private gathering in Masonic clothing, which is not permitted by the Constitution, without a dispensation from the Grand Master.

19. Every lodge has the power of suspending or expelling a member for gross, immoral, or infamous conduct, or for non-payment of dues; but no lodge shall suspend or exclude any member without giving him due notice of the charge preferred, or complaint made against him, and of the time

appointed for its consideration. He shall be at liberty to be present, and be afforded every opportunity of defending himself; when the case has been investigated he shall withdraw, and the votes of the brethren shall be given by ballot. The name of every brother suspended or excluded, together with the cause of his suspension or exclusion, shall be sent to the Grand Secretary and to every lodge in the Province.

20. A member suspended for non-payment of dues, shall be immediately restored by the lodge without a fresh ballot on application to the lodge, and payment of all arrears owing at the time of his suspension, and of the regular lodge dues for the period he was so suspended, and notice of his restoration shall be forthwith given to the Grand Secretary and to every lodge in the Province.

21. The jewels and furniture of every lodge belong to, and are the property of, the Master, Wardens, and Brethren of such lodge.

22. All minutes, lists, and books of account, belonging to a lodge, must be produced by the Master, when he shall be so required by competent authority.

23. The majority of the members of a lodge when congregated, have the privilege of giving instructions to the Master and Wardens, or other representative, before the meeting of the Grand Lodge; because such officers are their representatives, and are supposed to speak their sentiments.

24. Each lodge shall annually, immediately after the first day of November, make a return to the Grand Secretary, of the Master, Wardens, and Past Masters of the lodge, including all members who claim to be entitled to attend in Grand Lodge as Past Masters, as having served the office of Master in some other lodge, specifying the lodge in which each of such Past Masters have served the office of Master; and no brother shall be permitted to attend in Grand Lodge, unless his name shall appear in some such return.

25. Each lodge shall make its returns and payments annually, immediately after the 1st day of November, to the Grand Secretary, and in case of neglect for more than one year, to make such returns and payments, or in case the

lodge does not meet during that period, it shall be liable to be erased. The Master and Wardens, or any representatives of such lodge, are thereby disqualified from attending the Grand Lodge, or sitting upon any committee until those returns and payments have been completed.

26. By a vote of the lodge the dues of any member in indigent circumstances may be remitted.

27. If a lodge be dissolved, its warrants and records shall forthwith be delivered up to the Grand Master, or other constituted authority.

28. As every warrant lodge is a constituent part of the Grand Lodge, in which assembly all the power of the fraternity resides, it is clear that no other authority can destroy the power granted by a warrant; if therefore, the majority of any lodge shall determine to quit the lodge, the constitution, or power of assembling, remains with the rest of the members; provided their number be not less than seven, otherwise the warrant ceases and becomes extinct; and all the authority thereby granted or enjoyed shall revert to the Grand Lodge, together with the funds and property of said lodge.

29. No lodge shall be erased or its warrant declared forfeited until the Master, or in his absence, the Wardens, shall have been notified in writing of the offence, and shall have been summoned to answer the complaint made.

30. If any lodge or its Master and Wardens, be summoned to attend, or to produce its warrant, books, papers or accounts, to the Grand Master, his Deputy, or any Board, or committee, or person authorized by the Grand Lodge, and do not comply, nor give sufficient reason for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued; and in case of contumacy, such lodge may be suspended, and the proceedings notified to the Grand Lodge, which shall have power to declare the warrant forfeited, or otherwise deal with it as a majority shall determine.

31. A lodge offending against any law or regulation of the Craft, to the breach of which no specific penalty is attached, shall, at the discretion of the Grand Lodge, the

Grand Master, or Board of General Purposes, be subject to admonition or suspension, as before provided.

OF MASTERS AND WARDENS OF LODGES.

1. All preferment among masons shall be grounded upon real worth and personal merit only; therefore, no brother shall be elected Master of a lodge, or appointed to any office therein, merely on account of seniority or rank. No Master elect shall assume the Master's chair until he shall have been regularly installed, though he may, in the interim, rule the lodge. It shall be necessary, previous to the installation of the Master, that his election be confirmed; after which the usual ceremonies of installation are to be performed. Should the election of a Master not be confirmed, then a summons must be issued for the following regular meeting of the lodge, setting forth that the brethren are again to proceed to elect a Master; and a confirmation of that election, at the following ordinary meeting of the lodge, the installation of the Master shall follow.

2. Every Master, ^{Elect} before being placed in the chair, shall, in addition to a full compliance with the prescribed order and ceremonies of installation, solemnly pledge himself to observe all the old established usages and customs, and to preserve the landmarks of the fraternity, and most strictly to enforce them within his own lodge.

3. The Master, Wardens and members of a lodge, are enjoined to visit other lodges as often as they conveniently can; in order that the same usages and customs may be observed throughout the Craft, and a good understanding be thereby cultivated among freemasons.

X 4. The Master is responsible for the due observance of the laws relating to private lodges, and is bound to produce all books, minutes and accounts, when required by any lawful authority.

5. If the Master die, be removed or incapable of discharging the duties of his office, the Senior Warden, and in the absence of the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden shall act as Master, in summoning the lodge until the next election of officers.

6. If the Master be not present, the immediate Past Master, or if he be not present, the Senior Past Master of the lodge, present, shall take the chair. If no Past Master of the lodge be present, then the Senior Warden, or in his absence, the Junior Warden may rule the lodge, but not confer degrees.

7. A Past Master of any other lodge may be invited to officiate as Master, and may confer degrees or perform any other ceremony.

8. The Master and Wardens of every lodge, when summoned so to do, shall attend the Grand Master, his Deputy, the Grand Lodge, or any Board, or committee, or person authorized by the Grand Lodge; and produce the warrant, minutes, and books of the lodge, under pain of suspension, and being reported to the next Grand Lodge.

9. No Warden or other officer of a lodge can resign his office, nor can be removed, unless for a cause which appears to a majority of the lodge to be sufficient; but if the Master be dissatisfied with the conduct of any of his officers, he may lay the cause of complaint before the lodge; and if it shall appear to the majority of the brethren present that the complaint is well-founded, he shall have power to displace such officer, and another must be elected or appointed in his place.

OF TYLERS.

1. The Tyler is to be chosen by ballot by the members of the lodge, and may at any time be removed, for cause deemed sufficient by a majority of the brethren present at a regular meeting of the lodge, and another elected in his stead.

2. He is to see that every visitor has signed his name to the attendance book before entering the lodge, and that he is provided with proper clothing.

3. If any Tyler shall officiate or attend at any meeting, or pretended lodge of masons, not being regularly constituted, or not acknowledging the authority of the Grand Master, or not conforming to the laws of the Grand Lodge, he shall thereby be rendered incapable of ever being a Tyler or atten-

dant on a lodge, and shall be excluded the benefit of the general charity.

OF MEMBERS AND THEIR DUTY.

1. No brother shall be admitted a member of a lodge, unless the laws of the Craft relating to the proposing and admitting of candidates shall have been strictly complied with. (*See "Proposing Member."*)

2. A brother who has been concerned in making masons clandestinely, or a lodge which is not a regular lodge, or for small and unworthy considerations, or who may assist in forming a new lodge without the Grand Master's authority, shall not be admitted as a member or visitor, into any regular lodge, nor partake of the general charity, or other masonic privilege, till he make due submission and obtain grace.

3. No brother shall presume to print, or publish, or cause to be printed or published, the proceedings of any lodge or such part thereof, or the names of the persons present at such lodge, without the permission of the Grand Master under pain of being reprimanded, suspended, or expelled, as the Grand Lodge shall determine. This law is not to extend to the writing, printing, or publishing of any notice or summons issued to the members of a lodge, or by the authority of the Master, or the proceedings of any festive or public meeting at which persons, not masons, are permitted to attend.

4. The majority of the members present at any lodge, duly summoned, have an undoubted right to regulate their own proceedings, provided that they are consistent with the general laws and regulations of the Craft; no member, therefore, shall be permitted to enter in the minute books of his lodge, a protest against any resolution or proceeding which may have taken place, unless it shall appear to him to be contrary to the laws and usages of the Craft, and for the purpose of complaining or appealing to a higher masonic authority.

5. If any member shall be excluded from his lodge, or shall withdraw himself from it, without having complied

with its by-laws, or with the general regulations of the Craft, he shall not be eligible to any other lodge, until that lodge shall have been made acquainted with his former neglect, so that the brethren may be enabled to exercise their discretion as to his admission. Whenever a member of any lodge shall resign, or shall be excluded, or whenever, at a future time, he may require it, he shall be furnished with a certificate stating the circumstances under which he left the lodge; and such certificate shall be produced to any other lodge of which he is proposed to be admitted a member, previous to the ballot being taken.

6. All differences between, or complaints of members, that cannot be accommodated privately, or in some regular lodge, shall be reduced into writing and delivered to the Grand Secretary, to be submitted to the Grand Master, who shall refer them to the Board of General Purposes, or appoint a committee to investigate the same. When all parties shall have been summoned to attend thereon, and the case has been investigated, the committee shall report to the Grand Lodge, which shall have full power to deal therewith as a majority shall determine.

7. A mason offending against any regulation or law of the Craft, to the breach of which no specific penalty is attached, shall, at the discretion of the Grand Lodge, or any of its delegated authorities, be subject to admonition or suspension, or by the Grand Lodge only, to expulsion.

OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

1. A brother who may have rendered any service to the Craft in general, or to any particular lodge, may, by a vote of the lodge, be elected an honorary member of such lodge. The lodge must include honorary members in its returns to Grand Lodge, and pay to the Grand Lodge similar dues for such honorary members as are payable for ordinary members.

2. Honorary membership does not confer the right of voting in the lodge unless specially conferred by a vote of the lodge in a regular meeting—previous notice of intention to confer the right, and the name, residence, and addition of the



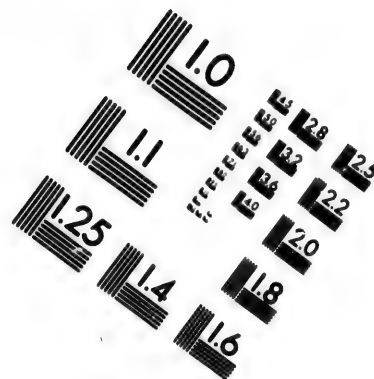
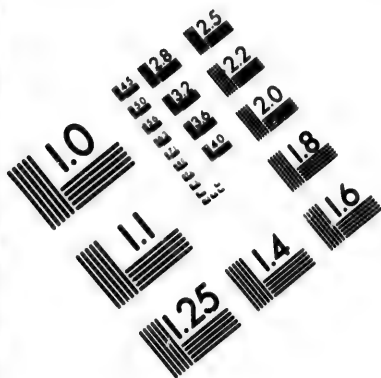
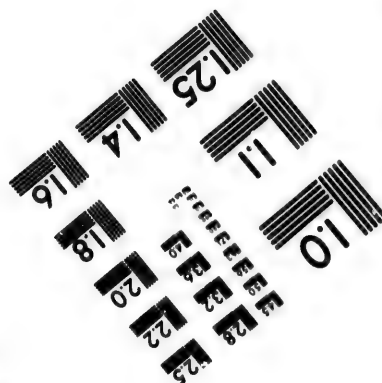
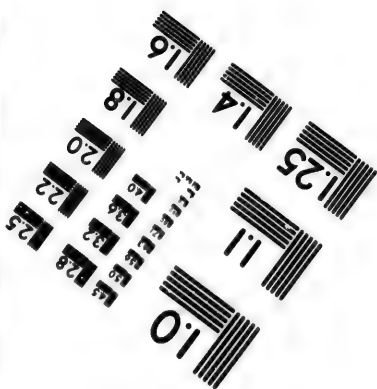
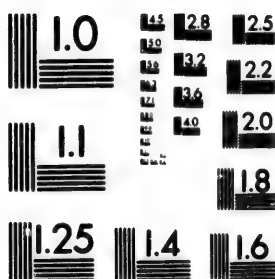


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brother in whose case the vote is to be had, having been first stated in the usual summons.

PROPOSING MEMBERS.

1. No brother shall be admitted a member of a lodge without a regular proposition in open lodge, until his name, occupation, and place of abode, as well as the name and number of the lodge of which he is or was last a member, or in which he was initiated, shall have been sent to all the members in the summons for the next regular lodge meeting; at which meeting the brother's Grand Lodge certificate, and also the certificate of the former lodge, is to be produced, and the decision of the brethren ascertained by ballot. When a lodge has ceased to meet, any former member thereof shall be eligible to be proposed and admitted a member of another lodge, on producing a certificate from the Grand Secretary, stating the fact and specifying whether the brother has been registered and his quarterage duly paid.

2. Except in cases of royal naval and military men, no person shall be made a member unless he has resided one year in the jurisdiction of the lodge, to which he seeks admission, or shall produce a certificate of character from the nearest lodge to the place of his previous residence; nor until he has been properly proposed at one regular meeting of the lodge, and a committee has been appointed by the Worshipful Master to make the necessary enquiries into the character of the candidate; nor until his name, age, addition, or profession, and place of abode, shall have been sent to all the members in the summons for the next regular meeting, when after the committee have reported to the lodge, he must be balloted for, and if approved, he may be initiated into the first degree of masonry.

3. No lodge shall initiate a candidate whose residence is nearer the jurisdiction of another lodge, without the consent, by a resolution of that lodge, which shall be signified in writing, unless by dispensation of the Grand Master, except in a town or city where there is more than one lodge, in which case each lodge has concurrent jurisdiction. The

jurisdiction of each lodge extends in every direction half way to the nearest lodge.

4. In case of emergency, the following alteration as to the mode of proposing a candidate, is allowed. Any two members of a lodge may transmit, in writing, to the Master, the usual declaration of any candidate whom they wish to propose, and the circumstances which cause the emergency; and the Master, if the emergency be proper, shall issue a notice to every member; appoint a committee as before provided; and at the same time summon the lodge to meet at a period of not less than seven clear days from the issuing of the summons, for the purpose of balloting for the candidate; if the candidate be then approved, he may be initiated into the first degree of masonry. The Master shall, previous to the ballot being taken, cause the said proposition, and the emergency stated, to be recorded in the minute book of the lodge.

5. No person under the age of twenty-one years, shall be made a mason in any lodge, and every candidate must be a free ^{born} man, and at the time of initiation, be known to be in reputable circumstance. He should be a lover of the liberal arts and sciences, and have made some progress in one or the other of them; and he must, at the time of his application, subscribe his name at full length to a declaration of the following import, viz:—

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren of.....

Lodge, No., British Columbia:

I,, of the, of, in the district of.....,, aged years, by occupation....., being a ~~free~~ ^{Free born} ~~man~~ and of mature age, do declare that unbiassed by the improper solicitation of friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary or other unworthy motives, I freely and voluntarily offer myself a candidate for the mysteries of masonry; that I am prompted by a favorable opinion conceived of the institution, and a desire of knowledge; and that I will cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and established customs of the fraternity, and I do also declare, that I have ~~NOT~~ made application for admission into any other lodge, *during the last*

Witness my hand this day of A. L., 58. *6 Six Month*

Recommended by

..... } (Signed)
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X 6. Any person who cannot write shall be ineligible to be admitted to the fraternity, and a petition having been received by a lodge cannot be withdrawn. No brother shall be admitted a member of a lodge, if on ballot *three* black balls appear against his application; and *one* black ball shall be sufficient to reject a candidate for the degrees.

7. Every candidate shall, on his initiation, solemnly promise to submit to the constitution, and to conform to all the usages and regulations of the craft,—and he must sign the by-laws of the lodge on his receiving the Master's degree; and a copy of which, together with a copy of the constitution of Grand Lodge, shall then be presented to him.

8. A rejected candidate for the degrees cannot be balloted for in the same, or any other lodge, within six months from the time of his rejection.

OF THE LODGE SEAL.

1. Every lodge shall have a masonic seal, to be affixed to all documents proper to be issued, and which shall be in the custody of the Secretary, under the direction of the Worshipful Master.

2. An impression of the seal shall be sent to the Grand Secretary, and whenever changed, an impression of the new seal shall in like manner be transmitted.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

1. No general lodge of instruction shall be holden, unless under the sanction of a regular warranted lodge, or by the special license and authority of the Grand Master. The lodge giving its sanction, and the brethren to whom such license is granted, shall be answerable for the proceedings of such lodge of instruction, and responsible that the mode of working there adopted has received the sanction of Grand Lodge.

2. Notice of the times and places of meeting of the lodges of instruction shall be given to the Grand Secretary.

3. Lodges of instruction shall keep a minute of all brethren present at each meeting, and of brethren appointed to hold office, and such minute shall be produced when

called for by the Grand Master, or lodge granting the sanction.

4. If lodge which has given its sanction for a lodge of instruction being held under its warrant shall see fit, it may at any regular meeting withdraw that sanction by a resolution of the lodge to be communicated to the lodge of instruction; provided that notice of the intention to withdraw the sanction be inserted in the summons for that meeting.

OF VISITORS.

No visitor shall be admitted into a lodge, unless he be personally known, ~~or~~ recommended, ~~or~~ well vouched for; ~~or~~ and after due examination by one or more of the brethren present, and shall have entered his name, masonic rank, the name or number of his mother lodge, or the lodge he hails from, in a book to be kept by every lodge for that purpose; and during his continuance in the lodge, he must be subject to the by-laws of the lodge. The Master of the lodge is particularly bound to enforce these regulations.

2. No brother residing in the Province, and not affiliated with some lodge, shall be entitled to the benefit of the benevolent fund for himself or family, nor to masonic burial, nor to take part in any masonic ceremony, public or private, nor to be entitled to any masonic privilege whatever, nor can he be permitted to visit any lodge in the town or place where he resides more than once during his secession from the Craft.

OF CERTIFICATES.

1. Every brother shall be entitled to a Grand Lodge certificate, immediately upon being registered in the books of the Grand Lodge, for which certificate the lodge shall pay two dollars. Each lodge therefore, when it makes a return of the masons whom it has initiated, shall, in addition to the register fee make a remittance of the money for the certificate.

2. Every brother to whom a Grand Lodge certificate is granted must sign his name on the margin thereof, in the presence of the worshipful Master or the Secretary of the

lodge, except in case of absence from the place of meeting of his lodge, when he shall sign it in presence of the Worshipful Master or Secretary of any duly warranted lodge; otherwise it will be invalid.

3. No brother shall obtain a Grand Lodge certificate if he shall have been admitted to more than one degree of masonry on the same day, or at a shorter interval than two weeks from his receiving a previous degree, unless ~~by~~ ^{by} dispensation from the Grand Master.

4. Every return or other document upon which a Grand Lodge certificate is to be issued, must specify not only the date of initiation, but also the days on which the brother was advanced to the second and third degrees.

5. All applications for Grand Lodge certificates must be made to the Grand Secretary; and if the name of the brother wishing for the certificate has not previously been registered, the money payable on registration must be transmitted at the same time, as no certificate shall, on any account, be issued until such money has been paid.

6. No lodge shall grant a private lodge certificate to a brother, except for the purpose of enabling him to obtain a Grand Lodge certificate, in which case such certificate shall be specifically addressed to the Grand Secretary, and except also such certificates as may be required by the laws of the Grand Lodge, or called for by any of its committees, or issued to a member on retirement or exclusion from a lodge, for the purpose of evidence of standing; and no lodge shall charge for a private lodge certificate.

PUBLIC AND FUNERAL PROCESSIONS.

1. No mason can be interred with the formalities of the fraternity, unless it be at his own request, ^{or that of his friends} nor unless he has been advanced to the degree of Master Mason. When the wish of the deceased, ^{or that of his friends} shall have been communicated to the Master of the lodge of which he died a member, the Master shall apply to the Grand Master for a dispensation.

2. When a Master Mason from beyond the Province of British Columbia shall die within the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge, the provisions of the Constitutions relating to

deceased member of lodges of British Columbia shall apply as far as practicable; any Master of a lodge may take the direction of the funeral, and conduct the same in all things as provided for resident brethren deceased.

3. No public procession of masons shall be allowed without permission of the Grand Master. In case of a masonic funeral, when the urgency of the case will not admit of the delay necessary to communicate with the Grand Master, the Worshipful Master, or, in his absence, the brother ruling the lodge, shall authorize and hold such masonic funeral procession, and shall see that all things are conducted thereat decently and in order according to the constitution, and he shall immediately after the services, report his proceedings in full to the Grand Master through the Grand Secretary.

4. In case of a masonic funeral, the Master may invite other lodges to attend in form, but the whole ceremony shall be under the direction of the Master of the lodge to which the deceased brother belonged, or, in case of a stranger brother, the Master of the lodge which assumes the control of the ceremonies. If the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master be present, he may at any time take charge.

5. If any brother shall attend as a mason clothed in any of the jewels or badges of the Craft, at any public procession, except a masonic funeral, or at any public or private gathering, not organized by the constitution, without the permission of the Grand Master, he shall be rendered incapable of ever after being an officer of a lodge, and also to be excluded the benefit of the general charity. And if any lodge shall so offend, it shall stand suspended until the Grand Lodge shall determine therein.

OF APPEAL.

1. As the Grand Lodge, when congregated, is a representative of every individual member of the fraternity, it necessarily possesses a supreme superintending authority, and the power of finally deciding on every case which concerns the interest of the Craft. Any lodge or brother, therefore, who may feel agrieved by the decision of any

other masonic authority or jurisdiction, may appeal to the Grand Lodge against such decision. The appeal must be made in writing, specifying the particular grievance complained of, and be transmitted to the Grand Secretary. A notice and copy of the appeal must also be sent by the appellant to the party against whose decision the appeal is made.

2. Notice of all appeals must be given in writing to the Grand Secretary within one month from the receipt of the decision appealed against, in proper and respectful language.

FEES.

The following shall be the fees payable to the Grand Lodge :

For granting a new warrant, Fifty Dollars.

“ dispensation for a new lodge, Thirty Dollars.

“ warrant of confirmation, Twenty Dollars.

“ new warrant in case of loss by fire, or otherwise, properly certified, Fifteen Dollars.

For dispensation to confer a degree in less time than laid down in the constitution, Fifteen Dollars.

For a dispensation for a public procession, except in case of a funeral, Five Dollars.

For a dispensation to make more than five masons in one evening, Two Dollars and Fifty Cents for each candidate.

For a Grand Lodge certificate, Two Dollars.

For every person initiated in a lodge, One Dollar.

“ “ passed Fellowship “

“ “ raised Master Mason “

For every entered apprentice or fellow craft, joining from without the jurisdiction, Five Dollars.

For any dispensation not provided for in this table, Two Dollars and Fifty Cents.

For every master mason joining from another lodge, Fifty Cents.

For every master mason joining from without the jurisdiction, One Dollar.

For every member, each lodge shall pay toward the fund for Grand Lodge purposes, One Dollar and Fifty Cents per annum.

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

1. The Charity fund of this Grand Lodge shall be known as "The Fund of Benevolence of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia," and shall consist of such donations as may be given towards it; together with such other amounts as may from time to time be received on account of said Fund.

2. The Fund of Benevolence shall be held in the name of the Grand Lodge, and shall be under the control and direction of the Board of General Purposes.

3. This fund shall be appropriated, exclusively, for the relief of such poor and distressed brethren, and the widows and orphans of deceased brethren, as may be deemed worthy of assistance; provided always that such brethren, or such deceased brethren, at the time of their decease, were registered, and in good standing on the roll of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

OF CONSTITUTING A NEW LODGE.

Every application for a warrant to hold a new lodge must be by petition to the Grand Master, signed by at least seven regularly registered masons; and the lodges to which they formerly belonged must be specified. The petition must be recommended by the nearest lodge, and be transmitted to the Grand Secretary, to be submitted to the Grand Master. If the prayer of the petition be granted, the Grand Master may issue a dispensation, authorizing the brethren to meet as a lodge, until a warrant of constitution shall be granted by the Grand Lodge.

The following is the form of petition:—

To the M. W. Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia:

We, the undersigned, being regularly registered masons of the lodges mentioned against our respective names, having the prosperity of the craft at heart, are anxious to exert our best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of the art; and for the conveniency of our respective dwellings and other good reasons, we are desirous of forming a new lodge to be named; in consequence of this desire, we pray for a warrant of constitution, empowering us to meet as

a regular lodge, at, in the district of, on the of every month, and there to discharge the duties of masonry, in a constitutional manner, according to the forms of the order and the laws of the Grand Lodge; and we have nominated and do recommend brother (A. B.) to be first Master, brother (C. D.) to be first Senior Warden, and brother (E. F.) to be first Junior Warden of said lodge. The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict obedience to the commands of the Grand Master and the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge.

In order to avoid irregularities, every new lodge shall be solemnly constituted by the Grand Master, with his Deputy and Wardens; or in the absence of the Grand Master, by his Deputy, who shall choose some Master of a lodge to assist him. If both these officers be absent, the Grand Master may appoint some other Grand Officer or Master of a lodge to act as Deputy *pro tempore*.

OF REGALIA.

1. The following masonic clothing and insignia shall be worn by the Craft, and that only; and no brother shall, on any pretence, be admitted into the Grand Lodge, or any subordinate lodge, without his proper clothing.

2. No honorary or other jewel or emblem shall be worn in the Grand Lodge, or any subordinate lodge, which shall not appertain to, or be consistent with those degrees which are recognized and acknowledged by the Grand Lodge.

In respect to the jewels and regalia of the Grand Lodge it may be mentioned that those of the late Provincial Grand Lodge, R. S., have been temporarily adopted.

The jewels and regalia of subordinate lodges are as follows, it being understood that lodges of this jurisdiction already supplied in this respect, may continue the adoption and use of the same as long as they so desire:—

Masters of Lodges The square.

Past Masters The square and the diagram of the 47th prob., 1st Book of Euclid, engraved on a silver plate, pendant within it.

Senior Warden The level.

Junior Warden The plumb.

Chaplain A book on a triangle.

<i>Treasurer</i>	The key.
<i>Secretary</i>	The cross pens.
<i>Deacons</i>	The dove.
<i>Directors of Ceremonies</i> ..	The cross rods.
<i>Organist</i>	The lyre.
<i>Inner Guard</i>	The cross swords.
<i>Stewards</i>	The cornucopia.
<i>Tyler</i>	The sword.

All the above jewels to be silver.

COLLARS.

<i>Of Lodges</i>	To be light blue ribbon, four inches broad; if silver chain be used, it must be placed over the light blue ribbon.
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All past grand officers, except Past Grand Masters, (who are entitled to wear chains,) to wear the collars of their late offices, but without the pendant jewel—a similar but smaller jewel in enamel, being worn on the breast.

APRONS.

<i>Entered Apprentice</i>	A plain white lamb-skin from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep; square at bottom and without ornament; white strings.
<i>Fellow-craft</i>	A plain white lamb-skin, similar to that of the entered apprentice, with the addition only of two sky-blue rosettes at the bottom.
<i>Master Mason</i>	The same, with sky-blue lining and edging, one and a half inch deep, and an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels. No other color or ornament shall be allowed except to officers and past officers of lodges, who may have the emblems of their office in silver or white in the centre of their apron.

*The Masters and Past**Masters of Lodges* ..

<i>Masters of Lodges</i> ..	To wear in lieu and in the place of the three rosettes on the Masters' apron, perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles, the length of the horizontal lines to be two inches and a half each, and of the perpendicular
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lines, one inch; these emblems to be of ribbon, half an inch broad, and of the same color as the lining and edging of the apron, or of silver.

The following is the manner of constituting a new lodge, according to the ancient usages of masons:—

A lodge is duly formed, and after prayer, an ode in honor of masonry is sung. The Grand Master is then informed by the Grand Secretary, or acting Grand Secretary, that the brethren present desire to be formed into a new lodge, etc.

The minutes of the lodge while under dispensation, are likewise read, and being approved, are declared regular and valid, and signed by the Grand Master. The Grand Master then enquires if the brethren approve of the officers who are nominated in the warrant, to preside over them. This being signified in masonic form, an oration on the nature and designs of the institution may be delivered. The lodge is then consecrated, according to ceremonies proper and usual on those occasions, but not proper to be written; and the Grand Master constitutes the lodge in ancient form.

The candidates, or the new Master and Wardens, being yet among the brethren, the Grand Master asks his Deputy if he hath examined them, and found the candidate-Master well skilled in the noble science and royal art, and duly instructed in our mysteries, etc. The Deputy answering in the affirmative, he shall (by the Grand Master's order) take the candidate from among his fellows and present him to the Grand Master, saying, "Most Worshipful Grand Master, I present this my worthy brother to be installed Master of the lodge, whom I know to be of good morals and great skill, true and trusty; and a lover of the whole fraternity wheresoever dispersed over the face of the earth."

Then the Grand Master placing the candidate upon his left hand, having asked and obtained the unanimous consent of all the brethren, shall say. I appoint you the Master of this lodge, not doubting your capacity and care to preserve the cement of the lodge, etc., with some other expressions that are proper and usual on that occasion, but not proper to be written.

Upon this the Deputy shall rehearse the charges and regulations of a Master, and the Grand Master shall ask the candidate, saying: "Do you submit to these charges and promise to uphold these regulations as Masters have done in all ages?" The candidate shall signify his cordial submission thereto, and the Grand Master shall, by certain significant ceremonies and ancient usages, instal him, and present him with the book of constitution, the lodge book, and the instruments of his office, one after another; and, after each of them, the Grand Master or his Deputy, shall rehearse the short charge suitable to the article presented.

After this, the members of the new lodge, bowing altogether to the Grand Master, shall return him thanks, and immediately do their homage to their new Master, and signify their promise of subjection and obedience to him, by the usual congratulation.

The Deputy and the Grand Wardens, and any other brethren present, that are not members of the new lodge, shall next congratulate the new Master; and he shall return his acknowledgement to the Grand Master first, and to the rest in their order.

Then the Grand Master desires the new Master to enter immediately upon the exercise of his office, in naming his Wardens; and the new Master, calling forth the two brothers, presents them to the Grand Master for his approbation. That being granted, the Senior or Junior Grand Warden, shall rehearse the charge of Wardens; and the candidates being solemnly asked by the new Master, shall signify their submission thereto.

Upon which the new Master shall present them with the instruments of their office, and induct them in due form in their proper places; and the brethren shall signify their obedience to the new Wardens by the usual congratulation. The other elected officers of the lodge, and those appointed, are then invested in ancient form.

The lodge being thus completely constituted, shall be registered in the Grand Master's book, and by his order notified to the other lodges.